

BC Broiler Hatching Egg Facts

August 2014

Number of Flocks Associated With SE Positive Fluff

Samples

Jan 2014 – 0
 Feb 2014 – 2
 March 2014 – 6
 April 2014 – 0
 May 2014 – 0
 June 2014 – 1
 July 2014 – 3

Producers are reminded to keep up with pest management efforts especially in the hot summer weather; many pests reproduce more rapidly during warm weather.

Current Hatchability

Industry Average:
82.09%
 (USA eggs included)

Average Kill Age

June 2014 – 60 weeks
 July 2014 – 59 weeks

Projected August 2014
 – 60 weeks 3 days

All producers are reminded to keep a close watch on fertility and to spike accordingly. All producers should aim to have their flocks reach the 60 week kill age.

Agriculture: One of the Most Trusted Industries

Below is a Star Phoenix article referring to public trust in agriculture and other resource industries such as forestry and mining. Also see the link to the survey results and full report by the Canada West Foundation and Ispos Reid. Agriculture came out on top as one of the most trusted industries, but the authors note that issues such as food safety or welfare could easily topple that confidence.

Report:

<http://cwf.ca/publications-1/restoring-trust-the-road-to-public-support-for-resource-industries>

Survey results by category (enter province or theme):

<http://cwf.ca/public-support-survey/index.html>

Spiking Males

Producers are reminded that the breeder companies recommend 13% males to be placed with flocks. In recent months there has been a struggle to maintain hatchability and some of that may be attributed to the lack of spiking males available.

Heat Stress

Producers are reminded to monitor birds for heat stress; watch for panting and decreased feed/water intake. Adjust environmental controls as need to maintain bird comfort and production levels.



Are You Ready For Your 2014 Audit?

All Producers are reminded to have the following items ready for their 2014 CHEQ and Biosecurity audit:

- Valid and passing water sample
- Properly recorded medication usage (DIN/Lot/Expiry numbers recorded)
 - Up to date visitor log

Contact Sarah at the office with any questions.

Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-122	162.84¢/kg	504.77¢/doz	52.58¢/chick	71.49¢/chick
A-123	165.21¢/kg	514.83¢/doz	53.63¢/chick	72.54¢/chick
A-124	170.01¢/kg	525.06¢/doz	54.69¢/chick	73.61¢/chick
A-125	171.42¢/kg	523.68¢/doz	54.55¢/chick	73.47¢/chick

Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
A-120	10/06/13	11/31/13
A-121	12/01/13	01/25/14
A-122	01/26/14	03/22/14
A-123	03/23/14	05/17/14
A-124	05/18/14	07/12/14
A-125	07/13/14	09/06/14
A-126	09/07/14	11/01/14
A-127	11/02/14	12/27/14