

BC Broiler Hatching Eggs Newsletter

November 2014

Number of Flocks Associated With SE Positive Fluff Samples

January 2014 – 0
February 2014 – 2
March 2014 – 6
April 2014 – 0
May 2014 – 0
June 2014 – 1
July 2014 – 3
August 2014 – 8
September 2014 – 0
October 2014 – 9

Producers are reminded to keep up biosecurity measures and to monitor pest populations closely.



Save the Date!

The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission's Annual Christmas Open House will be held on **Thursday, December 4th 11:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Call the office to RSVP

During October, the Commission received a donated VIP Weekend Getaway Package. The Board held a draw of the Producers who attended the last Accountability Session in October.

We are happy to announce the lucky recipients were Ron and Carol Dekker of Eagle Prairie Farms Congratulations!

Upcoming Producer Info Session Highlighting the Darkling Beetle.

Date and location to be advised.

Anonymous, no charge, manure testing is available.

Please see the attached document. Contact Veronica if you wish to participate and see your results.

Current Hatchability

Industry Average:
82.08% Year to Date
(USA eggs included)

Average Kill Age

September 2014 – 60 weeks
October 2014 – 60 weeks 1 day
Projected November – 60 weeks
Projected December – 60 weeks 2 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.

Please note that the Small Egg Program no longer accepts eggs from flocks older than 50 weeks.



Chairman Casey Langbroek and his wife Jane on top of Mt. Kilimanjaro this past month!

Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-126	165.80¢/kg	508.99¢/doz	53.02¢/chick	71.94¢/chick
A-127	168.40¢/kg	518.43¢/doz	54.00¢/chick	72.92¢/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



Online Nutrient Database for British Columbia

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Project Background

In its continuing effort to develop strategies to increase the efficiency of nutrient use in the region the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture has contracted the Sustainable Agricultural Landscapes (SAL) Lab at the University of British Columbia to develop a nutrient database for the Lower Fraser Valley and the province. This database will provide data on crop and manure nutrient values that are critical for developing sound strategies and recommendations for improved agricultural nutrient management. Some data exist for select crops and manure in B.C. but these data have not been compiled and/or may be out-dated. Improving these data and making it readily available for agricultural producers will improve the ease and accuracy of nutrient management planning. *The key objective is to determine N-P-K status of crops and manure and crop yield in six geographic zones of the Fraser Valley and other select locations in B.C.*

Crops of interest are forage grass, forage corn, alfalfa, alfalfa/grass mix, sweet corn, blueberries, potatoes and beans. Manure sources of interest are treated dairy, either liquid or solid, beef, poultry, and horse manure. Crop Sampling will begin in September 2013 and manure sampling will be ongoing until February 2015.

Sampling Anonymity and Data Security

Growers interested in efficient nutrient management are encouraged to apply. Participants will allow researchers to enter their field(s) and collect crop and/or manure samples (low disturbance), following appropriate biosecurity protocols. One of the key principles of the project is that participation is voluntary and individual results will be kept confidential. Security arrangements will be made to protect data from unauthorized access, collection, use, disclosure, or alteration. Researchers will try their best to remain flexible to work with participants and their cropping schedules to minimize disturbance of daily activities.

Benefits to Producers

Results from the study will be pooled by zone and crop and manure type to protect farmer anonymity and presented in a final report/database. Once the results are compiled, volunteers will be provided

with crop/manure nutrient and crop yield results from their own fields. Results are aimed to increase nutrient use efficiency and help producers take advantage of their high-value nutrients.

About Us

The Sustainable Agricultural Landscapes (SAL) Lab in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems at the University of British Columbia is dedicated to providing science that contributes to understanding the relationship between agriculture and the environment so that current production objectives can be met without comprising the needs of future generations.

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