

BC Broiler Hatching Egg Facts

August 2013

Heat Related ***Black Rot*** in Breeder Eggs!

Please Note Vanderpools has been shut down three times in the last 3 weeks by the CFIA due to heat related black rot found in breeder eggs! If Vanderpools is shut down again, the BCBHEC will be charged for the lost production time. Producers are **strongly reminded** to put all eggs into your egg cooler immediately after collection, do not leave **hatching eggs**, small eggs, cull eggs, or double eggs in the anteroom for the entire day. The BCBHEC small egg truck driver will not pick up eggs unless they are stored in an egg cooler; any eggs found in the anteroom will be left on farm. As per the CHEQ program, eggs destined for further processing must be stored between 15 – 21°C or between 59 – 70°F for a maximum of 7 days.

Coming Soon...

A bulletin answering your questions about Salmonella enteritidis; learn how your fertile eggs become contaminated.

Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
A-113	09/09/12	11/03/12
A-114	11/04/12	12/29/12
A-115	12/30/12	02/23/13
A-116	02/24/13	02/20/13
A-117	04/21/13	06/15/13
A-118	06/16/13	08/10/13
A-119	08/11/13	10/05/13
A-120	10/06/13	11/30/13

Average Kill Age

August 2013 – 59 weeks

A reminder to producers: Due to the extended kill age please pay close attention to your egg shell quality; as a hen ages the shell quality lessens. Please discuss your hen's nutrient requirements with your feed company.

Current Hatchability

Year to Date

Industry Average:
82.4%

Egg Handling Best Practices

- Inspect nest boxes and nest pads daily to ensure they remain clean; clean any dusty or dirty nest boxes and pads when found. This will limit the amount of bacteria your eggs are exposed to
- If an egg requires more than one wipe with a finger to remove dirt it is too dirty to send to the hatchery for incubation (rule of thumb)
- Never move buggies half full of eggs out of the egg cooler, instead take full trays into the cooler to fill up the buggy – moving cool eggs into the warmer anteroom will cause them to sweat which aids bacteria in penetrating the eggs
- Clean and sanitize your floor egg collection basket/bucket daily to prevent further egg contamination

SE Positive Fluff Samples

Jan 2013 – 1
Feb 2013 – 1
March 2013 – 2
April 2013 – 7
May 2013 – 9
June 2013 – 1
July 2013 – 0

There has been no further SE positive fluff samples. Keep up your biosecurity measures to keep SE prevalence down.

Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-117	174.79 ¢/kg	525.38 ¢/doz	54.73 ¢/chick	73.65 ¢/chick
A-118	174.71 ¢/kg	526.27 ¢/doz	54.82 ¢/chick	73.74 ¢/chick

Small Egg Program

Month	Number of Farms With Culled Eggs	Total Eggs Culled
May 2013	1	25 dozen
June 2013	0	-
July 2013	0	-

Funding Opportunities for Producers

The funding program for On Farm Food Safety Systems Implementation has now been launched. The following equipment has now been included for CHEQ: Pressure washers/disinfectant sprayers, medicators/proportioners, water treatment systems, egg storage room thermometer and its calibration, rodent control devices, and screens to block pest entry. The following is link to the program guide and application: <http://www.bcac.bc.ca/ardcorp/program/farm-food-safety-program-offsp-implementation> . Please note this list of equipment has not yet been added to the guide. For further questions please contact Vic Martens at 604-854-6707 or 604-309-5707 or Ardcorp at 604-854-4483. **Note funds are limited; those who qualify should act promptly.**