

# BC Broiler Hatching Egg Facts

## May 2013

### Industry News

Avian Influenza (AI) has been confirmed in both Mexico and China. BCBHEC recommends all farms to increase biosecurity measures and to be careful of family, friends, and employees who have recently traveled outside of Canada.

### Average Kill Age

April 2013 – 59.30 weeks  
Projected: May 2013 – 58.61 weeks

Please note the kill age has been increased due to the AI outbreaks in Mexico and China. Producers should manage their flocks as if they are to go out at 60 weeks; kill age can only be extended if hatch remains above 70%

### Current Hatchability

Year to Date

Industry Average:  
**81.8%**

### Barn Spec's

A reminder to all producers that barn spec's for pullet growing is 1.6 square feet per bird. Please make sure your barn or your pullet growers barn has enough space; space requirements are being checked and producers will be notified if they are not compliant.

### Pricing Orders

<i>Period</i>	<i>Live Chicken</i>	<i>Hatching Eggs</i>	<i>Saleable Chicks</i>	<i>Day-Old Broiler Chicks</i>
A-115	179.10¢/kg	535.12¢/doz	55.74¢/chick	0.7467¢/chick
A-116	177.28¢/kg	529.01¢/doz	0.5511¢/chick	0.7403¢/chick
A-117	174.79¢/kg	525.38¢/doz	0.5473¢/chick	0.7365¢/chick

### SE Positive Fluff

#### Samples

Jan 2013 – 1  
Feb 2013 – 1  
March 2013 – 2  
April 2013 – 7

Reminder to all producers to ask their spiking male supplier about their current SE status and to increase rodent baiting and monitoring.

### Small Egg Program

<i>Month</i>	<i>Number of Farms With Culled Eggs</i>	<i>Total Eggs Culled</i>
April 2013	0	0

### Staff Changes

Please note that as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Lori has retired. Jennifer and Veronica have replaced her in the office. Please contact Jennifer regarding finances and Veronica for general enquiries.  
[Jennifer@bcbhec.com](mailto:Jennifer@bcbhec.com) & [veronica@bcbhec.com](mailto:veronica@bcbhec.com)

### Classifieds

As of April 2013 all notices about available spiking males, equipment for sale, and miscellaneous items will be posted on the BCBHEC website in the classifieds section. Producers will no longer receive email notifications regarding these items. Please the BCBHEC website at [www.bcbhec.com](http://www.bcbhec.com)

### Chick Placements

Sarah will no longer be notifying producers that she will be attending their chick placements; please expect her at all your future placements. If you have any questions or concerns please call or email Sarah.



### Hatcheries

<i>Lower</i>		<i>Vancouver</i>	
<i>Mainland</i>	<i>Interior</i>	<i>Island</i>	<i>Total</i>
8	2	0	10

### Production Cycles

<i>Period</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
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

### 2013 CHEQ and Biosecurity Audits Update

- 12/62 premises have been audited in 2013
- 5/12 premises audited in 2013 had corrective actions
- 2/62 premises audited in 2012 have outstanding corrective actions
- 13 premises are scheduled to be audited in May 2013
- 7/13 premises scheduled to be audited in May 2013 have booked a day and time with Sarah already