

BC Broiler Hatching Egg Facts

November 2013

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
 August 2013 – 8
 September 2013 – 4
 October 2013 – 0

Do not sell or give away any breeder cull eggs.

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

Small Egg Program

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



Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-118	174.71¢/kg	526.27¢/doz	54.82¢/chick	73.74¢/chick
A-119	177.70¢/kg	532.73¢/doz	55.49¢/chick	74.41¢/chick
A-120	171.04¢/kg	516.91¢/doz	53.85¢/chick	72.76¢/chick

Coffee Meetings

Thank you to all Producers who attended the BCBHEC's Coffee Meetings in the previous few weeks. Your comments and questions were greatly appreciated. The BCBHEC is currently reviewing all completed surveys.

Thanks, BCBHEC Staff

Current Hatchability

Year to Date

81.3%

Industry Average:
(USA eggs included)

Average Kill Age

September 2013 – 59 weeks 1 day
 October 2013 – 59 weeks 6 days
 Projected November 2013 – 60 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.

Support Canadian Cheese

Our colleagues at the Dairy Farmers of Canada have launched a website that aims to address some of the concerns that the CETA trade deal is having on the Canadian dairy industry. Through this website, DFC is encouraging consumers and farmers to express their support to Canada's dairy industry. The website is:

www.supportcanadiancheese.ca

We encourage you to visit the website, and to vote "yes" to the question on that page. Feel free to share this information with your friends and colleagues.

Tim Nikita - Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Economist

Swine Flu

Producers are reminded to keep up a high level of biosecurity. The incidence of Swine Flu in breeder flocks is being investigated; no live virus has been found. Please contact the BCBHEC or your veterinarian with any questions or concerns.

Please see the attached notice

Policy Considerations

Antimicrobial Usage Questions & Answers

Q: How do I tell if a product has antimicrobials or antibiotics in it?

A: All products designed to treat poultry for disease are classified as drugs. Every drug must have a label that contains information about the product. To find out if the drug contains an antibiotic/antimicrobial, you can check the label in 3 places:

1. Check under the product name where it may stat "a water soluble antibiotic for..."
2. Check the list of active ingredients that must be listed – you may recognize the name of an antibiotic for example penicillin
3. Check under "Indications", which must also be on the label. If there is an antimicrobial or antibiotic in the drug, indications will include statements such as "for the treatment of bacteria sensitive to..." or "for the prevention of bacterial enteritis/other disease"

Remember to include all antibiotic usage on your CHEQ record #3 or equivalent; an incomplete record #3 or equivalent is one of the most common corrective actions in annual audits.