

# BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission Newsletter

January 2016

## 2016 Audit Stats

Number of premises to be audited:  
61  
Number of audits completed:  
0  
Number of audits with outstanding  
2015 Corrective Actions:  
5

## NEW CHEQ MANUALS

New and updated CHEQ manuals will be delivered to producers homes beginning next week. If no one is home to receive the manual it will be left by your front door or in your mail box. Please watch for them. If you would like to arrange a specific drop off time please contact Sarah at (604) 302-2323 or [sarah@bcbhec.com](mailto:sarah@bcbhec.com)

## Current Hatchability

Industry Average:  
**82.37%**  
Year to Date (USA eggs included)

## SAVE THE DATE!

The first annual BC Poultry Conference will be held **March 9, 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>**. The four poultry groups will hold their AGMs at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver. Guest speakers include Dr. Art Hister, Dr. Robert Thirsk, Dr. Susan Watkins and Geoff Urton.  
**Ensure to register and join us!**

## 2016 License Renewals:

Please submit your completed applications by March 31, 2016.

## Average Lay Cycle End:

**Projected February 2016**  
**59 weeks**

All producers are reminded to keep a close watch on fertility and to spike accordingly. All producers should aim to have their flocks reach 59 weeks. Remember to pay close attention to egg sorting towards the end of the flock to keep hatchability up.

## NEW EQUIPMENT

The BCBHEC has recently purchased two new pieces of equipment to help producers increase their efficiencies on farm. The first is an egg shaped data logger that can record temperature and humidity. The egg can be run through the entire collection cycle to find any environmental deficiencies. Next is a thermal imaging camera that can be used to identify hot and cold spots in barns, egg coolers, and to check your brooding set up. If you would like to use the equipment please contact Matt at (604) 302-5452 or [matt@bcbhec.com](mailto:matt@bcbhec.com)

## Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
A-128	Dec.28, 2014	Feb.21, 2015
A-129	Feb.22, 2015	Apr.18, 2015
A-130	Apr.19, 2015	Jun.13, 2015
A-131	Jun.14, 2015	Aug.8, 2015
A-132	Aug.9, 2015	Oct.3, 2015
A-133	Oct.4, 2015	Nov.28, 2015
A-134	Nov.29, 2015	Jan.23, 2016

## Updated CHEQ Records

All updated 2015 CHEQ records are now available on our producer only website. Please remember that you must use the updated 2015 records (or equivalent) for your 2016 audit. Contact [sarah@bcbhec.com](mailto:sarah@bcbhec.com) if you have any questions.

## Average Industry Breeder Prices:

Female: \$7.58  
Males: \$10.35

## Linkage Surveys

The linkage surveys conducted by Bob Burden of Serecon have been completed. The board anticipates reviewing the report generated by those surveys in late January-early February. More information will be shared with Producers when the details are finalized.

## BCBHEC Election Policy

The BCBHEC election policy is currently under review. The commission welcomes producers to submit comments regarding this policy to [veronica@bcbhec.com](mailto:veronica@bcbhec.com). You can find the current election policy in the Consolidated Orders under Schedule 7.

## Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-130	164.54¢/kg	507.45¢/doz	52.86¢/chick	71.78¢/chick
A-131	161.59¢/kg	504.83¢/doz	52.59¢/chick	71.51¢/chick
A-132	159.50¢/kg	503.99¢/doz	52.50¢/chick	71.42¢/chick
A-133	162.97¢/kg	517.58¢/doz	53.91¢/chick	72.83¢/chick
A-134	162.66¢/kg	520.90¢/doz	54.26¢/chick	73.18¢/chick