

BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission Newsletter

April 2016

Hatching Egg Size

All producers are reminded that hatching eggs must be a minimum of 52 grams to be sent to the hatchery. Our Consolidated Orders Schedule 6 – Egg Gathering, Storage and Packing states that no more than 1% of the total number of hatching eggs picked up shall be cull eggs (eggs under 52 grams are considered a cull egg). Producers are reminded to double check egg weights at collection and to complete your two times monthly egg sorting verification according to your CHEQ Program Critical Control Point 2 Sorting of Hatching Eggs. Egg sorting verification needs to be recorded on CHEQ record #5 or equivalent. Please contact Inspection Staff at 604-854-4451 / sarah@bcbhec.com / matt@bcbhec.com if you have questions or concerns.

Current Hatchability

Industry Average:

82.10%

Year-to-Date (USA eggs included)

2016 Audit Stats

Number of premises to be audited

59

Number of audits completed

6

Number of audits with outstanding
Corrective Actions

2

2016 Census of Agriculture

Please see the attached notice regarding the upcoming 2016

Census of Agriculture. The Census begins in May and has been improved for 2016. The new census is easier to complete and has fewer questions. All Producers are encouraged to participate.

Average Lay Cycle End

Projected April 2016

58 weeks

Projected Mid- May 2016

58 week

Breeder Pricing

These are the average industry prices:

Female: \$9.02

Male: \$12.32

Stop & Ask

Farm Safety Video by Dow AgroSciences

Click the link below to watch a new farm safety video geared towards the family farm.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHpsc9dGho>

Increase Your Hatch!

Remember to always load your egg carts from the bottom to the top to protect your embryo's viability

Problem Flocks

Please see the attached memo from Stephanie Nelson. Please remember to contact the office if your flock is experiencing production challenges.

Producers should watch their email inboxes for upcoming election information.



Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-135	Jan 24, 2016	Mar 19, 2016
A-136	Mar 20, 2016	May 14, 2016

Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-132	159.50c/kg	503.99c/doz	52.50c/chick	71.42c/chick
A-133	162.97c/kg	517.58c/doz	53.91c/chick	72.83c/chick
A-134	162.66c/kg	520.90c/doz	54.26c/chick	73.18c/chick
A-135	159.81c/kg	514.01c/doz	53.54c/chick	72.46c/chick
A-136	161.28c/kg	530.99c/doz	55.31c/chick	74.23c/chick

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2016 Census of Agriculture is on the horizon

At the beginning of May 2016, Canadian farm operators will have the chance to take part in a national dialogue by completing the Census of Agriculture questionnaire.

The Census of Agriculture is the definitive source of community-level data. By drawing on these data, decision makers will know that they are acting in the interests of farmers, farm communities and agricultural operations across Canada.

Farm organizations are heavy users of census data and draw on this information when formulating policy requests, producing communication and outreach work, and conducting market research.

What's new for the 2016 Census of Agriculture?

Census by Internet: fast and easy

All Canadian farm operators will receive a letter at the beginning of May 2016 with instructions on how to quickly and easily complete the questionnaire online.

The online questionnaire will automatically add totals. As a result, completing the questionnaire online will limit the questions to the ones that apply specifically to an operator's farm and will reduce the need to call back farm operators in order to clarify answers. On average, farmers should spend 30% less time responding to the 2016 Census of Agriculture than they did responding to the previous census (2011).

Shorter—but still comprehensive—questionnaire

The Census of Agriculture staff consults after every census with farmers, agricultural industry members, and data users for the purpose of assessing data needs.

Statistics Canada has received more than 200 submissions from diverse groups, including federal government departments and agencies, provincial ministries, farming organizations, academics, farm service companies, and consulting firms further to the 2011 Census of Agriculture. Statistics Canada is grateful to the agriculture industry for its ongoing feedback and support.

As a result of these consultations, most of the questions for 2016 are identical to those used in 2011. This continuity is important when it comes to tracking long-term trends in the industry and meeting the ongoing needs of users and stakeholders.

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In the 2016 Census, operators are no longer required to provide detailed farm expenses and other information such as place of residence, details on irrigated land, and the source and use of manure.

The questionnaire also includes new questions on the adoption of technologies, direct marketing, succession planning and renewable energy production.

Overall, the 2016 questionnaire has 18 fewer questions than did the 2011 questionnaire.

The content of the [2016 Census of Agriculture](#) was published in the *Canada Gazette* on June 20, 2015.

Getting ready

In the coming months, the Census of Agriculture Program will begin its communication and outreach work with the farming community. This work includes farm show exhibitions, as well as a media campaign that explains what's new in the upcoming census and why the census is important.

By law, farmers are required to participate in the Census of Agriculture. By the same law, Statistics Canada is required to protect the information provided in Census of Agriculture questionnaires. Privacy is a fundamental component of the census.

At the beginning of May, complete your questionnaire and tell *your* story as part of Canada's farming community!

For more information, please visit the [Statistics Canada](#) website.



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Memo

To: All Hatching Egg Producers

From: Stephanie Nelson

Date: April 6, 2016

Subject: Flock Health Issues and Reporting

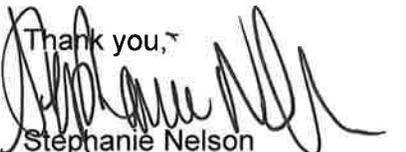
It has come to my attention that there may be a number of flocks currently not be performing to Breed expectations. It is important for the production and inspection staff to be made aware of flocks that are experiencing production issues brought on by disease, environment, behavior, or any other related issues.

It is important if you have a flock that is currently, or in the future, experiencing less than normal egg production, fertility, hatchability or sale-ability, to notify Matt Klassen, Sarah Loehndorf or Marona Wiebe as soon as you are aware of a problem. This will allow for timely adjustments to be made by the production team in order to ensure availability of domestic product to the hatcheries and increased access to knowledge and assistance from our On-farm /Inspection staff.

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Thank you,

Stephanie Nelson

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