

BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission Newsletter

September 2016

Current Hatchability

Industry Average:

82.10%

Year-to-Date (USA eggs included)

Average Lay Cycle End

58 weeks 2 days

Projected August 2016

Breeder Pricing

Average industry prices:

Female: \$8.78

Male: \$11.45

Agriculture Land Leasing Workshop

Please see the attached invitation for the upcoming Agriculture Land Leasing Workshop. The workshop will cover lease considerations, risk management, property tax information, and income tax implications. The workshop is being held September 15, 2016 at Surrey City Hall.

ARDCorp Job Opportunity

ARDCorp is currently seeking to add EFP Planning Advisors to its team in order to meet demand in certain regions and as part of our succession planning. Please see the attachment for more information.

2016 Audit Stats

Number of premises to be audited

59

Number of audits completed

29

Number of audits with outstanding
Corrective Actions

4

BC Water Sustainability Act

As of February 29 2016, the new regulations of the BC Water Sustainability Act state that all non-domestic groundwater wells have to be licensed. The Groundwater Licence Application includes a series of questions related to the water works infrastructure and the hydrogeological setting (aquifer description, well details, estimated yield, etc.), and is submitted to the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO). I am sending you a brochure that explains in detail the changes in the BC Water Sustainability Act.

If you apply for a licence before March 1, 2017, the BC government will waive the licence application fee. The application fee can range from \$250 to \$10,000 per well depending on the water used by the producer. In order to assist you with the groundwater licence applications, Waterline Resources Inc. is offering a low cost licensing service, which includes a professional hydrogeologist gathering the required application information and submitting a package to the BC Ministry of FLNRO on your behalf.

Please see the attached brochure for more information.

PRODUCER MEETING:

Thursday, September 15th
@ 7:00 p.m. in the Summit
room (Fourth Floor)
at the Quality Hotel
(Formerly the Ramada)

All Producers are invited!

Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
A-138	July 10, 2016	Sept. 3, 2016
A-139	Sept. 4, 2016	Oct. 29, 2016
A-140	Oct. 30, 2016	Dec. 24, 2016
A-141	Dec. 25, 2016	Feb. 18, 2017
A-142	Feb. 19, 2017	April 15, 2017
A-143	April 16, 2017	June 10, 2017
A-144	June 11, 2017	Aug. 5, 2017

Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-135	159.81¢/kg	514.01¢/doz	53.54¢/chick	72.46¢/chick
A-136	161.28¢/kg	530.99¢/doz	55.31¢/chick	74.23¢/chick
A-137	159.12¢/kg	522.30¢/doz	54.41¢/chick	73.33¢/chick
A-138	162.59¢/kg	528.51¢/doz	55.05¢/chick	73.98¢/chick
A-139	164.67¢/kg	530.79¢/doz	55.29¢/chick	74.22¢/chick



AGRICULTURE WEEK

September 2016

AGRICULTURE LAND LEASING WORKSHOP

An interactive workshop designed to provide guidance and information regarding agriculture land leasing including: lease considerations, managing the risks and understanding the property tax and income tax implications.

Presenters:

Chris Henderson, Chartered Accountant

Ralph May, Lawyer

Howard Joynt, Professional Agrologist

Registration \$30/person. Lunch provided.

Register at: landworkshop.eventbrite.ca or www.surrey.ca/agriculture

For further information or inquiries: agriculture@surrey.ca

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

8:30AM – 4:00PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

SURREY CITY HALL – ROOMS 2E – A/B
13450 104 AVENUE

PIBC Learning credits available



Expression of Interest

The B.C. Agricultural Research & Development Corporation (ARDCorp) is looking for new Planning Advisors to work with the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program (www.bcefp.ca) as independent contractors throughout the province, in order to meet producer demand in certain regions and as part of our succession planning process.

As a recognized Planning Advisor, you will be responsible for providing producers with technical support helping them prepare their environmental farm plans. The environmental farm plan is a voluntary process that producers can use to identify both environmental strengths and any potential risks on their farms. As appropriate, it includes a prioritized action plan to reduce the risks.

If successful, you would be a regional contact for the program in your area, responsible for encouraging producer participation in the EFP planning process, assisting with applications for cost-shared funding opportunities, and promoting the Environmental Farm Plan Program. Your financial benefit is dependent on your ability to encourage producers to participate in the program.

It is important to note that your placement on the list of eligible Planning Advisors does not guarantee that you will be selected or contracted for services. Selection of advisors will be dependent upon the needs of the EFP Program and farmer participation.

Criteria being used to evaluate potential contractors are:

1. Sound understanding of practical BC agriculture production practices,
2. Understanding of environmental impacts of agricultural practices,
3. Location – we are looking for Planning Advisors in several key agriculture areas of BC,
4. Interpersonal skills:
 - i. ability to gain and maintain the trust of producers, farm organizations and environmental agencies,
 - ii. ability to make effective oral presentations to producers,
 - iii. display a high level of professionalism,
5. Ability to make decisions,
6. Ability to work independently as a motivated self-starter, and
7. Availability, willingness to travel, and a valid driver's licence.

Please submit your expression of interest indicating region and identifying your suitability for this position along with two producer and/or association references to our office no later than Friday, September 16th, 2016, to:

Karen Murray, Program Manager
BC ARDCorp
#230 – 32160 South Fraser Way
Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5
karen@ardcorp.ca

If successful, you will be required to participate in an extensive training session.

Thank you for your interest in the Environmental Farm Plan Program!

Sincerely,



Karen Murray
Program Manager

BC WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT

GROUNDWATER USERS ARE REQUIRED TO LICENSE WATER SUPPLY WELLS IN 2016

GROUNDWATER WELLS REQUIRE A LICENCE

- Since February 29, 2016, groundwater use is being regulated by the Provincial Government.
- New and existing users will need to apply for a licence to extract and use groundwater.



WHY APPLY FOR A LICENCE EARLY?

- Save \$1000's by applying in the first year and avoid licence application fees for each well (table below).
- Apply within the first 3 years, and your priority date will be based on historic/demonstrated first use.
- First-in-Time, First-in-Right (FITFIR). Senior licences will have precedence over junior licences during times of water scarcity.

Summary of BC Government Proposed Water Use Fees		
Water Use Purpose	Application Fee per Well License	Annual Water Rentals (volume-based rate is per 1,000m ³ or flat fee)
	2016 rates (\$)	Volume-based (\$)
Individual Household Users	Exempt	Exempt
Agriculture	\$250-\$1,000	\$0.85
Aquaculture	\$250-\$1,000	\$0.11
Conservation	\$250	\$0.02, \$25 (flat)
Industrial/Commercial	\$250-\$10,000	\$2.25
Waterworks and Local Authorities	\$1,000-\$10,000	\$2.25
Power (Residential, Commercial, Storage)	\$250-\$10,000	\$0.02 or formula
Dams, or other flooding/works (Crown Land)	\$250-\$5,000	\$7.50-\$120/hectare

For more information go to <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/watersustainabilityact/>



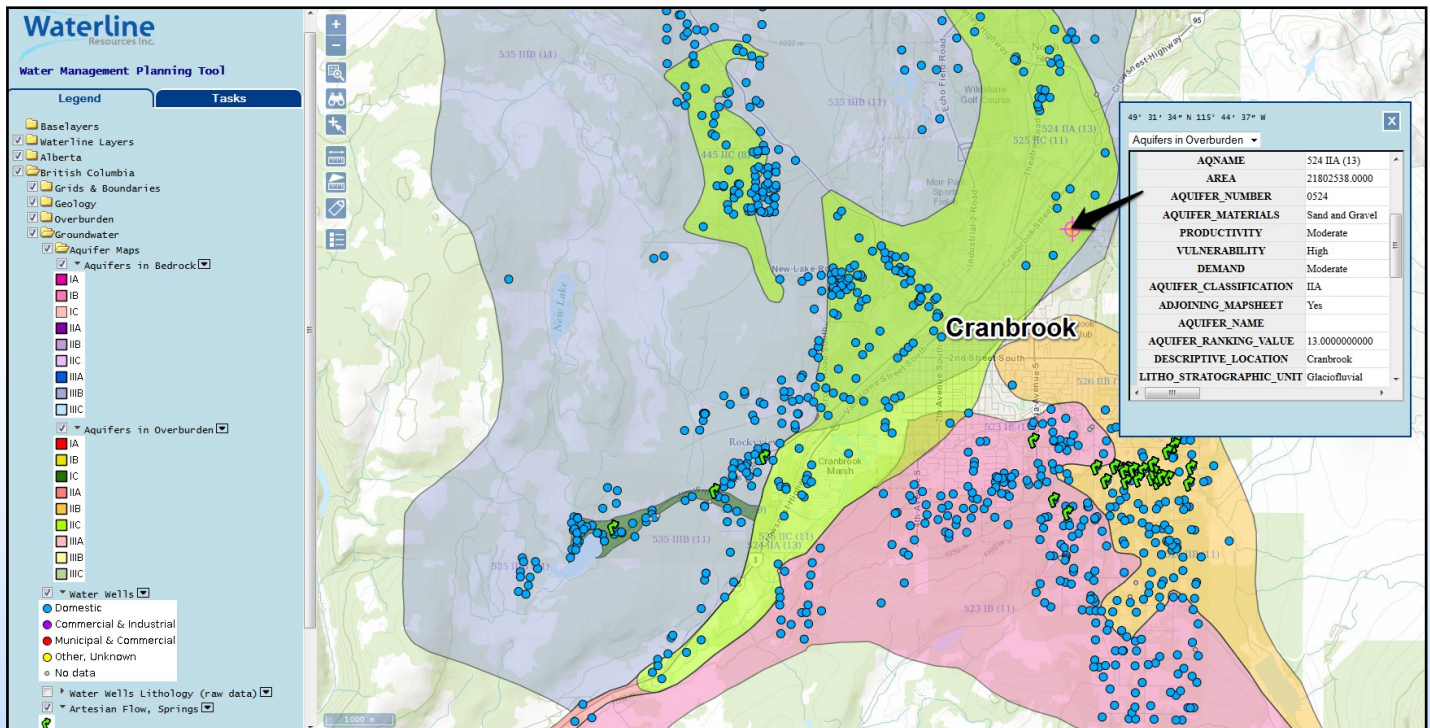
WHAT DO GROUNDWATER USERS NEED TO DO TO COMPLY?

- Existing groundwater users will need to submit a licence application which includes the name and description of aquifer, well details and construction report, purpose and quantity of groundwater use.
- New users may need to assess the impact of the proposed extraction and use on other groundwater users and the environment.
- In support of long-term aquifer sustainability, users may also need to equip their wells to continuously monitor pumping rates and water levels, and regularly collect and analyze water quality/chemistry.

HOW CAN WATERLINE HELP ENSURE WATER SECURITY FOR YOUR OPERATION?

- The government anticipates that over 25,000 applications from existing users will need processing and recommend early submission.
- Information about wells and aquifers is not always easily found but Waterline can help prepare the initial application package for submission to the BC Government.
- We use our state-of-the-art Water Management Planning Tool and Geodatabase (see below) which allows us to efficiently assemble the required information and submit your licence application early.
- Please contact one of Waterline's hydrogeologists for a free initial consultation.

WATERLINE WATER MANAGEMENT GEODATABASE AND PLANNING TOOL



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