

# BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission Newsletter

October 2016

## Current Hatchability

Industry Average:

**82.21%**

Year-to-Date (USA eggs included)

## Average Lay Cycle End

58 weeks

Projected August 2016

## Breeder Pricing

Average industry prices:

**Female: \$8.78**

**Male: \$11.45**

## Avian Influenza Workshop

Producers are invited to attend an Avian Influenza workshop being held at the Quality Hotel (formerly the Ramada) on Thursday October 20, 2016 at 9:30 am. Please see the attached formal invitation, agenda, and information package for registration and location details.

## Animal Care Program – Feeder & Drinker Space

Please see the attached Executive Director Memo and spreadsheet regarding feeder and drinker space within layer/breeder barns. Producers are encouraged to complete the survey in order to help create a working Animal Care Program.

## 2016 Audit Stats

Number of premises to be audited

59

Number of audits completed

34

Number of audits with outstanding  
Corrective Actions

3

## Breeder Flock Status

To help the BCBHEC with production planning Producers are reminded to contact Sarah or Marona at the office periodically to update us on your breeder flock(s). Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties (low production, high mortality, poor peaking, disease challenges, etc.) or any successes (high production, good hatchability post 50 weeks, low mortality, etc.).



## Biosecurity Update

With the arrival of fall and migratory bird season Producers are reminded to stay vigilant in their biosecurity practices. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sarah at the office.

## BCFIRB Correspondence

Please see [BCFIRB's letter](#) regarding enforcement of regulations.

## 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



# Avian Influenza Poultry Industry Workshop

Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:30 AM  
Quality Hotel and Conference Centre (formerly Ramada)



The BC Poultry Association, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the BC Ministry of Agriculture would like to invite you to a one day avian influenza (AI) workshop.

The workshop is open to all poultry producers, government agencies, and allied trades. The primary goal is to understand risks presented by avian influenza and the practical measures to prevent, mitigate and control future outbreaks. We encourage all industry stakeholders to attend. Full industry participation reinforces to governments and other agencies that our industry is completely committed to preventing further disease outbreaks.

The focus for the 2016 AI workshop is on recent innovations, scenarios and technologies related to AI across North America. Local experts will provide updates on wild bird surveillance, the new BC poultry surveillance program, rapid response, AI insurance and biosecurity. In addition, there will be two international speakers. One speaker will talk about the AI situation in the US – and what they learned following the 2015 outbreak. The second international speaker will talk about the AI situation in Mexico - producing poultry in a country where AI couldn't be controlled and has become endemic.

The AI workshop is free, but you must preregister by October 14 at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/avian-influenza-workshop-knowledge-is-power-tickets-27291955975>.

The draft agenda is attached for your convenience. Please circulate this e-mail to anyone that might be interested in attending.

We hope to see you there! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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## MEMO

TO: BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers  
FROM: Stephanie Nelson  
DATE: October 7, 2016  
SUBJECT: Feeder & Drinker Space

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CHEP is in the final stages of developing an Animal Care Program that is to be implemented on every broiler hatching egg farm in all signatory provinces (CHEP member provinces).

The intent is to run this program in tandem with our CHEQ program. The new Animal Care Program will have a third party audit component built into it.

We are currently having some difficulty determining what is "sufficient" feed and water space for our layer/breeders barns. The word "sufficient" is subjective and could be interpreted in many different ways, depending on who is doing the interpreting.

For auditing purposes we would like to put a number range on feed and water space requirements. This, of course, can cause problems as we have many manufacturers and different feeding systems in our barns across Canada.

If you would be able to fill out the enclosed spreadsheet for each of your layer/breeder barns and send this back to Sarah at the office before October 12, 2016, CHEP can then use this data to guide us in, hopefully, coming up with a program that is workable for all.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions and or concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Nelson", written in a cursive style.

Stephanie Nelson  
Executive Director

## Feeder & Drinker Space

Barn	Barn #	Barn #	Barn #	Barn #	Barn #
Make and model of hen feeder					
Number of pans					
Make and model of male feeder					
Number of pans					
Make and model of chain feeder					
Feet of chain					
Make of drinking system					
Number of drinking nipples					
Maximum number of hens placed*					
Maximum number of males placed**					

Hens per feeder	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Males per feeder	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Hens per feet of chain	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

\*Maximum number of hens would be the most birds that you would place

\*\*Maximum number of males would be the most birds that you would place

### Example

Barn	Barn 1
Make and of model of hen feeder	roxell kixxoo
Number of pans	388
Make and model of male feeder	roxell male
Number of pans	52
Make and model of chain feeder	
Feet of chain	
Make of drinking system	lubing
Number of drinking nipples	720
Maximum number of hens placed	6208
Maximum number of males placed	620

Hens per feeder	16
Males per feeder	11.92307692
Hens per feet of chain	0



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Dear Ms. Nelson:

**APPLICATION OF FARM PREMISES ID, BIOSECURITY, AND FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS TO THE ASIAN HATCHING EGG SECTOR**

I am writing in follow-up to the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) Order in its March 29, 2016 appeal decision [\*In the Matter of the Natural Products Marketing \(BC\) Act and an Appeal From a Decision of the British Columbia Broiler Hatching Egg Commission Concerning the “Regularization of Historically Non-Compliant Silkie and Taiwanese Producers Program Rules”\*](#).

In the March decision, the BCFIRB appeal panel ordered that:

133. Within 30 days of this decision, the Commission is to take whatever steps it determines necessary to ensure that its current order regarding biosecurity standards, including the registration of farm premises and food safety standards extends to persons engaged in the production of Silkie or TC [Taiwanese] broiler hatching breeders, eggs or chicks and inform BCFIRB of whatever action it has taken.

The Broiler Hatching Egg Commission (BHEC) reported to BCFIRB within the 30 day time frame that it had notified specialty producers (persons engaged in Silkie and Taiwanese hatching egg production) regarding the regulatory requirements, and that it would be directly engaging with those producers to ensure compliance. BHEC subsequently informed BCFIRB on June 10, 2016 that some specialty producers were not engaging with BHEC to carry out biosecurity standard audits. Following this, BHEC’s prior approval request to BCFIRB on August 19, 2016 regarding the regulation of specialty production, included concerns from BHEC that basic biosecurity standard requirements were still not being met by all specialty producers, as per BCFIRB’s March 2016 order.

BCFIRB appreciates that there is the outstanding question on what level of regulation is appropriate for specialty broiler hatching egg production in light of sound marketing policy. This question is now the subject of a BHEC prior approval request under consideration by a supervisory panel of BCFIRB.

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However, the current supervisory review does not preclude BHEC from fulfilling its legislated responsibilities as the first instance regulator to manage industry risk to ensure orderly marketing.

This letter affirms both BHEC's authority and responsibility to ensure producer compliance with basic industry biosecurity standards through a SAFETI<sup>1</sup>-based process.

As the BCFIRB Executive Director set out in his October 3, 2013 letter<sup>2</sup> to the BHEC General Manager:

Under the British Columbia Broiler Hatching Egg Scheme, BHEC has the authority to regulate all broiler breeder flocks, broiler hatching eggs, and chicks in BC. In the past BHEC has not actively regulated Silkie and Asian broiler breeder flocks (specialty production) although there are no exemptions for this production either in the Scheme or the Commission's Consolidated Orders.

The October 2013 BCFIRB letter to BHEC also pointed out the necessity of a minimum level of specialty regulation:

Regulation of specialty production is important for the purposes of biosecurity and food safety. Biosecurity and food safety (as per the Canadian Hatching Egg Quality program established for mainstream hatching egg production) standards are of significant importance not only for specialty producers but also the poultry industry as a whole. Although the Commission could exempt specialty production using the Consolidated Orders, BCFIRB has previously informed the Commission of its expectation that at a minimum, some manner of regulation of specialty production is necessary for the purposes stated above.

Given that the risk of avian influenza increases significantly in the fall, thereby increasing risk to the orderly marketing of all BC poultry industries, BHEC would be well advised to proceed promptly with ensuring specialty producer compliance with basic biosecurity standards through a procedurally fair process, as authorized under its Scheme and as directed by BCFIRB.

Please direct any questions to the BCFIRB office.

Regards,



Kirsten Pedersen  
Executive Director

cc: BCFIRB web site

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<sup>1</sup> Strategic Accountable Fair Effective Transparent Inclusive

<sup>2</sup> 2013 October 3. BCFIRB. [Regulation of the Specialty Broiler Breeder Industry in BC.](#)