

BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission Newsletter

December 2016

Current Hatchability

Industry Average:

82.55%

Year-to-Date (USA eggs included)

AFX Hiring Alert

Producers are reminded to be vigilant when hiring new employees.

Please see the attached AFX Hiring Alert.

Average Lay Cycle End

58 weeks 0 days

Projected December 2016

Avian Influenza Surveillance Program Pilot Project

Please see the attached letter. Producers are being asked to voluntarily participate in an AI Surveillance Program Pilot Project being completed by the BC Poultry Association. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sarah Loehndorf at sarah@bcbhec.com or (604) 302-2323.

Breeder Pricing

Average industry prices:

Female: \$8.78

Male: \$11.45

BC Animal Health Centre Lab Results Reporting

The BC Animal Health Centre is now able to email and fax lab results to Producers. The Centre has requested contact information for all Hatching Egg Producers to facilitate their move to electronic lab reporting. The BCBHEC will be supplying the Centre with Producers contact information on January 6, 2017. If you wish to opt out please email Diane Peloquin at diane@bcbhec.com

2016 Audit Stats

Number of premises to be audited

59

Number of audits completed

51

Number of audits with outstanding Corrective Actions

5

Please see the attached **Biosecurity Colour Coded Alerts** document. Due to the Avian Influenza situation in Europe it is recommended that Producers practice "**Yellow**" level biosecurity on farm at this time.

Happy Holidays!

The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission would like to wish all Producers and their families a wonderful holiday season.

2016 Audit Corrective Actions

All Producers with outstanding 2016 Corrective Actions on their CHEQ and Biosecurity audits are reminded that these need to be **completed by December 31, 2016**. Please contact Sarah Loehndorf at sarah@bcbhec.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Christmas Award Night

Tuesday, December 13 – 7pm @ the Quality Hotel & Conference Centre.
See attached *Save the Date*



Welcome Diane

The Commission would like to welcome Diane Peloquin, our new Administrative Assistant. Diane can be reach at 604-854-4451 or at diane@bcbhec.com

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-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
A-140	159.17¢/kg	518.25¢/doz	53.98¢/chick	72.91¢/chick

Please mark your calendars for the
Hatching Egg Producers' Awards Night/Christmas Evening

Save the date!

HOSTS

BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Association and the
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

WHEN

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Starting at 7pm

WHERE

Quality Hotel (former Ramada Plaza)
36035 North Parallel Rd
Abbotsford, BC

Appetizers will be served.





November 4, 2016

RE: Voluntary Participation in Avian Influenza Surveillance Program Testing

Dear BC Hatching Egg Producers,

The BC Poultry Association (BCPA) is asking for voluntary producer assistance in testing a draft Avian Influenza (AI) surveillance program.

An AI surveillance program is very important to all poultry producers in BC. Early detection of AI is a crucial part of containing an AI outbreak. In addition, future compensation from the federal and provincial governments may hinge upon BC having an AI surveillance program in place.

The BCPA contracted with Dr. Bill Cox to develop a draft BC Poultry Industry Surveillance Program. He worked closely with a technical advisory committee that had industry representation. The surveillance program that has been developed involves a set of production related triggers based on flock observations and flock sheets. The triggers are:

1. Unexplained drop in water consumption
2. Unexplained drop in feed consumption
3. Unexplained drop in egg production
4. Unexplained rise in mortality
5. Any abnormal or unusual behaviour that is observed by the producer

An explained change in any of these triggers may be due to such factors as equipment failure or severe weather changes. The complete details of the triggers are listed at the end of this document.

The BCPA is at the point in developing the program where they need to test the sensitivity of the proposed triggers against production systems to determine if and how many times the triggers could be tripped.

To complete this pilot testing, the BCPA is asking for copies of producer flock sheets/production records from October 1, 2015 to May 1, 2016.

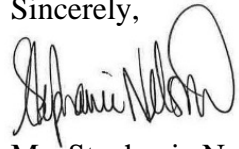
Flocks must be over five weeks of age. Multiple flocks can come from the same farm. All the data will be kept totally confidential. The records can be faxed, scanned or mailed to Sarah Loehndorf the Commission office.

The records will be reviewed to determine how many times the triggers were or would have been tripped resulting in submissions to the lab for AI testing. The pilot is a critical step in developing a long-term surveillance program for AI detection.

Your participation in this voluntary pilot project is greatly appreciated. Please contact Christine Koch at 604-866-7600 or koch.c@telus.net if you have any suggestions, questions or if you would like a copy of the draft surveillance program.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ms. Stephanie Nelson
Executive Director

Regular Biosecurity “Green”

(Approved by the BCPA October 28, 2015)

These are the measures outlined in the BC Biosecurity Program¹ and must be followed on a daily basis. These measures must be in place to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases.

Ensure that all personnel entering your premise follow your biosecurity protocols and sign in on your Visitor Log. Ensure there is enough room for personnel to park off road ways without entering your CAZ. The CAZ and RAZ zones must display proper biosecurity signage on barn doors and CAZ barriers (gates or chains) are to be kept closed when not in use.

Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)

- Identify your CAZ
- Maintain a secure physical barrier (gate or chain) at the CAZ entrance
- Restrict movement in and out of your CAZ
- Have the ability to wash and disinfect vehicles or equipment entering and exiting your CAZ
- Regularly maintain your CAZ – Keep vegetation low, clean up debris, and grade driveways to avoid standing water

Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Identify your RAZ
- Maintain a permanent and visible demarcation (a physical barrier is highly recommended)
- Only allow essential personnel into your RAZ
- Any equipment entering the RAZ must be free of visible organic matter

Farmers and Employees Accessing the Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Wash and sanitize your hands or wear disposable gloves
- Change foot wear
- Clothing worn in the RAZ should be changed before going out in public

Visitors Accessing the Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Must wash and sanitize their hands or wear disposable gloves
- Must wear premise specific coveralls and RAZ specific boots.

¹ These are not all of the BC Biosecurity Program requirements; please refer to your producer manual for more information. Note if your commodity's On-Farm Food Safety Program requires more stringent biosecurity measures please follow them instead. The measures above are minimum requirements.

Heightened Biosecurity “Yellow”

These measures are in addition to your “Green” biosecurity procedures¹ and should be applied when there is a heightened disease risk or other threats in your region within BC.

Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)

- CAZ barrier should be closed at all times
- Restrict CAZ access to all unnecessary vehicles
- Establish a parking area outside of your CAZ
- Implement an “Essential Visitors Only” policy
- Minimize contact with all other avian (bird) and porcine (swine) species
- Minimize contact with all other poultry operations
- No mortalities and cull eggs to leave premise except on recommendation of a governing body (i.e. board/commission, veterinary, CFIA etc.)

Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Keep doors locked at all times when the building is not occupied by personnel
- Closely monitor flock health for decreased feed and water intake, increased mortality, and unusual behaviour. Report any of the above to your Veterinarian and commodity board
- Clean and disinfect traffic area and access points after each egg pick up
- Minimize contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

Equipment

- All equipment and materials related to the production of poultry that enter or leave the CAZ, regardless of size or use, must be clean and disinfected

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Enhanced Biosecurity “Red”

These measures are in addition to your “Green” and “Yellow” biosecurity protocols¹ and should be implemented on farms in a region where a disease or other threat is suspected or present.

Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)

- Inform all family, friends, staff, service personnel, and allied trades of your enhanced biosecurity measures
- Keep your CAZ barrier locked at all times
- Cancel all farm appointments and only allow essential visitors into the CAZ
- Implement your vehicle wash station at the entrance to your CAZ
 - Remove all organic debris with pressurized water
 - Disinfect tires, wheel wells, and under-carriages of vehicles
 - Disinfect the floor mats, pedals, steering wheel, and door handles of the interior of the vehicle with disinfecting wipes or a small spray bottle and paper towel
- Make sure garbage bins (dumpsters) are outside of the CAZ and reduce pick-ups as much as possible

Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Keep all exterior barn doors locked at all times when not occupied by personnel
- When entering the RAZ change into barn specific coveralls and RAZ specific boots as well as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per WorkSafe BC requirements
- When exiting the RAZ leave all biosecurity gear on the RAZ side of the CAZ/RAZ demarcation
- Wash and or sanitize your hands before entering or exiting the RAZ
- Shower before and after completing your daily barn chores
- Restrict contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

Conducting Business

- Whenever possible conduct all activities through non-contact methods such as telephone, email, or fax
- Avoid common public gathering places

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