

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

INDUSTRY STATISTICS

Current Hatchability

82.66%

Average Lay Cycle End

59 weeks

Average Breeder Price

Female: \$8.78

Male: \$11.45

2017 Audit Stats

Premises to Audit: 72

Premises Completed: 0

Corrective Actions: 0

2016 Corrective Actions: 9

HATCHING EGG SIZE

Producers are reminded that hatching eggs must be a minimum weight of 52 grams in order to be sent to the hatchery. Following Schedule 6 Part II in the Consolidated Orders under Egg Gathering, Storage and Packing "All Broiler Hatching Eggs packaged by a Producer shall be (a) of a minimum weight of 52 grams". Underweight eggs are considered Cull Eggs and Producers should note that according to the Consolidated Orders Schedule 6 Part II "that [if] the number of Cull Eggs exceeds 1.0% of the total number of Broiler Hatching Eggs in a Pick-Up, the receiving Hatchery may return the Pick-Up to the Producer for re-culling, and may forthwith deduct and withhold from the total payable to such Producer a charge fixed at \$500.00".

IN BARN AMMONIA LEVELS

With the cold winter weather upon us Producers are reminded to monitor ammonia levels in barns. The Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens, and Turkeys requires that "action must be taken to manage ammonia levels if they reach a harmful range (e.g. 20 to 25 ppm)". Simple ammonia test strips can be purchased at many farm supply stores and ammonia testing devices can be purchased at most hardware stores. If you have questions or concerns please contact Sarah Loehndorf at 604-302-2323 or at sarah@bcbhec.com.

The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission would like to wish all Producers a happy New Year



ROSS PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES GUIDES

Please see the attached Ross 308 Fast Feathering and Ross 308 Performance Objectives Guides.

COOLER TEMPERATURES

All Producers are reminded to monitor egg cooler temperatures daily as per the CHEQ program standard 7.0 Egg Sorting, Washing, Packaging, and Storage. Hatcheries are reporting that inconsistent egg cooler temperatures on-farm are affecting hatchability.

Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-141	158.02¢/kg	518.58¢/doz	54.02¢/chick	72.95¢/chick

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