



June 9, 2017

To: Industry Stakeholders

Good afternoon,

In accordance with the revised Work Action Plan schedule approved on June 2, 2017, the following is a list of questions/ outstanding issues arising after the recent stakeholder meetings for which the Commission would find further information useful. This is a general list – provided in support of transparency – all questions/ issues may not apply to all stakeholders.

The Commission will also be following up with some individual stakeholders but all are invited to answer any questions/ comment on issues they feel are relevant to them. Responses can be submitted at any time or can be included in final written submissions due to the Commission by June 16, 2017.

If any stakeholder has concerns about how to provide information to the Commission while protecting business confidentiality, please raise those concerns with the Commission office.

1. The Commission has heard diametrically opposed information from stakeholders regarding the importance of genetics and/ or bird “types” in the marketing of specialty chicken. One view is that there has to be as much diversity/ protection of types as possible. The other is that minimal diversification is required and interchangeability is possible in the hatching egg sector.
2. How has the specialty chicken market grown since 2005? What is its current status in regards to the domestic and export markets? What are the prospects for growth in each? What is their current economic health?
3. Can all the Asian breeder hatching egg producers provide their current production levels in order for the Commission to assess overall allocation?
4. Can all the current Asian breeder hatching egg producers provide a basic outline of their current business relationships with hatcheries, growers and processors to provide the Commission with a better overview of the current sector?
5. What do stakeholders regard as the greatest opportunity/ challenge for the sector now and in the future?

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6. Further assessment of the regulatory structure for specialty in Ontario.
7. Further assessment of the impact of national allocations and levies.
8. Current status of specialty production and marketing in other BC supply managed commodities.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Collins".

Jim Collins, Chair
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission