



November 24, 2017

To: B.C. Broiler Hatching Egg Producers and Other Stakeholders

RE: PRICING OF B.C. BROILER HATCHING EGGS

The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission is in receipt of the linkage-based pricing information for Period A-147, commencing Sunday, November 26.

The formula calls for a reduction per dozen eggs of 7.74 cents to 517.98. Saleable chick down to 53.96.

This continues a downward trend in cost recovery from 97.62% in A-144 to 95.20% in A-146 to what would be 93.18% in Period A-147.

The Commission has serious concerns about the impact of this pricing on producers and is deferring issuing a pricing order for Period A-147 while it further examines this issue, including meeting with the BC Chicken Marketing Board on November 28 to open discussion on renewing our respective COPs and the linkage.

The Commission remains committed to working with all stakeholders in a comprehensive, strategic approach to pricing in the B.C. chicken sector. While doing so, however, it must ensure the interests of hatching egg producers are protected if exceptional circumstances arise.

The Commission will update stakeholders as soon as possible regarding its pricing order for Period A-147.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Collins". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jim Collins, Chair
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

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