



## MEMO

**TO:** BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers  
**FROM:** Stephanie Nelson  
**DATE:** October 19, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Industry Update

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Good Afternoon,

Before the winter starts I would like to ensure all Hatching Egg producers are aware of some pressing issues and updates.

### **Egg Flow:**

At our regularly scheduled hatchery meeting the Hatchery Managers all agreed that over the next few weeks they will run long, although this is typical for this time of the year the projections did not foresee the extent of this issue.

The Managers have requested a 56 week kill age. Hatcheries have reported that they will adjust imported product for the next few weeks.

Commission staff is looking at factors which may have contributed to this situation including egg to hen ratio increases, increase in domestic hatch and decrease in flock mortality life of flock.

This issue highlights the continued need to finish and implement the software system that will assist Commission staff with a better forecasting tool.

### **Spiking Male Testing and Feasibly Surveys:**

The Inspection staff members have received training on conducting spiking male tests. Please email [kaitlyn@bcbhec.com](mailto:kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) to book your spiking male test for use in the Registration Program. Now that the testing and lab fees are all covered, if you use Commission staff, I would like to see more Hatching Egg Producers use the Registration Program.

As per the Spiking Male Committee's recommendation the Commission is working with Bob Burden of Serecon to conduct a Feasibility study on the 2017-10-20 Spiking Male Work Action Plan.

If you would like to participate, please contact Stephanie Nelson at [stephanie@bcbhec.com](mailto:stephanie@bcbhec.com) to be added to the survey list.

**Industry Survey:**

The Commission had their annual Strategic Planning session in September and would like to hear from industry stakeholders on their drafted Strategic plan. Please watch for the Industry Survey that will be circulated in the near future. Your feedback is important to your industry.

**Levy Decrease:**

At the last Commission meeting October 17, 2018, the Commission decided to decrease the levy 5% from 2 cents per saleable chick to 1.9 cents per saleable chick. Effective for period A-154 December 23, 2018

**Christmas Social:**

The Commission is co-hosting the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Christmas social and on behalf of the Commission Chair, Members and Staff we look forward to seeing you there!

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any follow-up questions and/or concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Nelson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephanie Nelson  
Executive Director