

# BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

## INDUSTRY STATISTICS

### YTD Hatchability

81.9%

### Average Lay Cycle End

58 weeks

### Average Breeder Price

Female: \$9.52

Male: \$11.56

### 2018 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 71

Premises Completed: 56

Premises with Outstanding

Corrective Actions: 5

## Hatching Egg Tips

Consistent and accurate recording of data is key to staying on top of which aspects of production need adjustment. Click the link below to read an excellent article on how to "Use Flock Data to make Better Decisions".

<http://www.cobb-vantress.com/academy/articles/article/academy/2018/08/15/use-flock-data-to-make-better-decisions>

## STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY

Please watch your inbox for a Strategic Planning Survey in the near future.

## CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

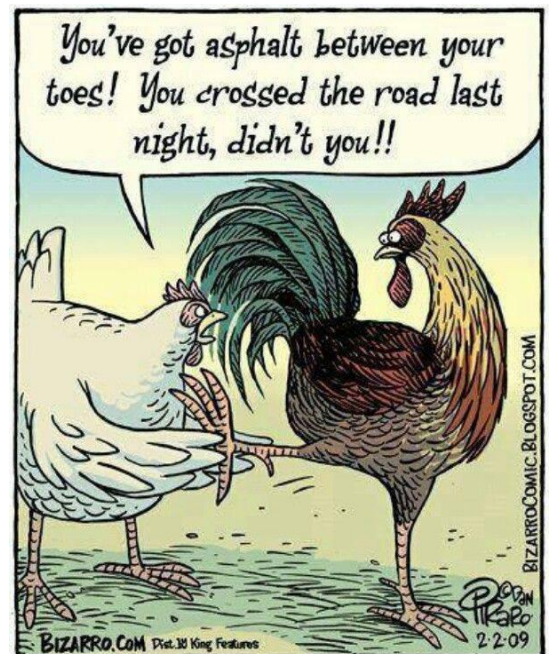
Mark your calendars on December 5, 2018 at 7:00pm for the Annual Christmas Social held at the Quality Hotel in Abbotsford.

## QUOTA BILLBOARD

The Billboard for posting quota available for sale or lease is live. It can be accessed via our News page or directly here (<https://www.bcbhec.com/quota-billboard/>). An FAQ section is provided.

## CHEP STATEMENT ON USMCA

Please see the attached for an important statement issued by the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) that replaces the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).



### Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-147	158.00 ¢/kg	517.98 ¢/doz	53.96 ¢/chick	72.89 ¢/chick
A-148	155.50 ¢/kg	510.77 ¢/doz	53.21 ¢/chick	72.14 ¢/chick
A-149	157.78 ¢/kg	520.18 ¢/doz	54.19 ¢/chick	73.12 ¢/chick
A-150	163.30 ¢/kg	534.72 ¢/doz	55.70 ¢/chick	74.63 ¢/chick
A-151	169.30 ¢/kg	553.14 ¢/doz	57.62 ¢/chick	76.55 ¢/chick
A-152	165.93 ¢/kg	544.00 ¢/doz	56.67 ¢/chick	75.60 ¢/chick

### Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
A-147	Nov 26, 2017	Jan 20, 2018
A-148	Jan 21, 2018	Mar 17, 2018
A-149	Mar 18, 2018	May 12, 2018
A-150	May 13, 2018	July 7, 2018
A-151	July 8, 2018	Sept 1, 2018
A-152	Sept 2, 2018	Oct 27, 2018



## Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) Issues Statement on USMCA

OTTAWA – October 1, 2018, the Canadian government reached an Agreement in Principle for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), formerly called North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) recognize the hard work on behalf of officials and negotiators to reach a trilateral deal with the United States and Mexico. The agreement has maintained the same level for broiler hatching egg and chick tariff rate quotas (TRQs) as under NAFTA: The level of access remains unchanged at 17.4% annually for broiler hatching eggs and 3.7% annually for broiler chicks. However, this represents a significant level of imports that must be taken into account by Canadian hatching egg farmers. The broiler hatching egg industry is also impacted by chicken imports as this displaces Canadian produced eggs and hatched chicks. Therefore, any additional market access granted on chicken TRQs also negatively impacts hatching egg producers.

“While we are relieved that no additional access was granted to our own sector, we remain concerned that access was still given away in the other supply management sectors.” said Jack Greydanus, CHEP Chair. “Granting additional TRQ in each successive trade agreement that Canada negotiates continues to undermine supply management as a system, so we approach this result with significant reservations” he continued.

Supply management ensures that Canadian farmers receive a fair return for their work and that Canadians have access to reasonably priced, Canadian produced, high quality and safe food. Supply management is responsible for over \$28 billion in GDP, supporting over 330,000 jobs and is critical for the country’s future and rural and community development. We encourage the Canadian government to continue to support supply management and to put in place the necessary measures to mitigate the impact on supply management sectors that are affected by additional market access under USMCA.

CHEP calls upon the federal government to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for the broiler hatching egg industry and its many contributions to the fabric and economy of Canada and to supply management as a sustainable guarantor of food security. As we now approach future trade agreement negotiations, we remain gravely concerned that additional market access to supply managed commodities will continue to be given away, thereby undermining supply management.

The USMCA still must be formally approved by all three governments.

### **About Canadian Hatching Egg Producers**

CHEP represents over 240 broiler hatching egg farmers located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. In 2017, CHEP’s member provinces produced more than 757 million broiler hatching eggs worth more than \$317 million. The broiler hatching egg industry in Canada supported over 4,900 direct and indirect jobs. For more information visit [www.chep-poic.ca](http://www.chep-poic.ca)

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### Key Messages on USMCA

OTTAWA – September 30, 2018, the Canadian government reached an Agreement in Principle for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA):

- The agreement has maintained the same level for broiler hatching egg and chick tariff rate quotas (TRQs) as under NAFTA. However, this still represents a significant level of imports that must be taken into account by Canadian hatching egg producers.
- The broiler hatching egg industry is also impacted by chicken imports as this displaces Canadian produced eggs and hatched chicks;
- CHEP remains concerned that additional access was still given away in dairy, chicken, egg and turkey and recognizes that losses to any supply managed sector contributes to undermining supply management as a system;
- Any impact to any of the supply managed sectors has a negative consequence on all through weakening the pillars that supply management is based upon;
- CHEP encourages the Canadian government to support supply management and to put in place the necessary measures to mitigate the impact on supply management sectors that are affected by additional market access under USMCA;
- With additional free trade agreements under negotiation such as Mercosur and uncertainties with Brexit, CHEP remain gravely concerned that additional market access to supply managed commodities will continue to be given away;
- CHEP encourage the federal government to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for the broiler hatching egg industry supply management as a sustainable guarantor of food security;