



MEMO

TO: BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers
FROM: Stephanie Nelson
DATE: November 23, 2018
SUBJECT: 56 Week Concerns

Good afternoon,

Thank you to all the Producers and to the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Association for your emails and letters regarding concerns with the current 56-week kill age adjustment.

The Commission met on November 15, 2018 and reviewed these submissions.

At the 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.

Commission staff has been instructed to look at factors which may have contributed to this situation including egg-to-hen ratio increases, increase in domestic hatch and decrease in life-of-flock mortality, and is still in the process of reviewing the end-of-flock life information with the hatchery managers.

The Commission staff was also instructed to review the annual kill age averages for 2018. Staff calculated that on average flocks went out at 59 weeks, a week above the planned kill age for the year.

Hatchery managers, Commission and staff will meet in early December to review the kill dates and adjust if necessary, for the New Year.

Any questions or concerns please contact me directly.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Nelson".

Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director
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