

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

INDUSTRY STATISTICS

YTD Hatchability

83.6%

Average Lay Cycle End

58 weeks

Average Breeder Price

Female: \$10.45

Male: \$14.04

2019 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 70

Premises Completed: 49

Hatching Egg Tips

Are you wanting to protect your flocks from diseases such as Salmonella? Click the link below to read an article on rodents and how they can be a large risk for poultry farms.

https://www.cobb-vantress.com/en_US/articles/rodents-the-enemy-of-chicken-farms/

ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Please ensure that the Commission office has received the makes and models of your barn equipment, this is important to ensure we have the right placement numbers for this quota cycle.

ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM – AUDITS AND RECORDS

Please see the attached letter regarding the ACP program. Fillable versions of the records are available on the producer side of the website.

ON-FARM TECHNICIAN

Liam Ritchie will be on a very limited office schedule as he has returned to school. Please contact Kaitlyn Loewen for any on-farm related items.

AGRISTABILITY

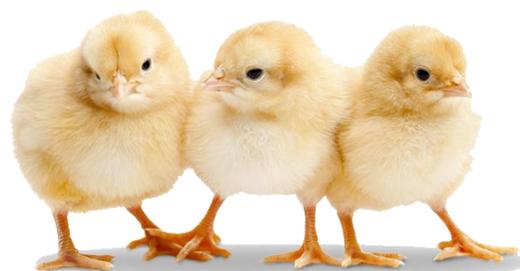
Please see the attached document from the BC Ministry of Agriculture regarding AgriStability.

FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE

Please see the attached document from the BC Ministry of Agriculture regarding the Food Security Task Force.

CHEP AGRISKILLS

Please see attached document on the new CHEP Agriskills learning platform.



Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-153	1.645 \$/kg	536.11 ¢/doz	55.84 ¢/chick	74.78 ¢/chick
A-154	1.629 \$/kg	532.52 ¢/doz	55.47 ¢/chick	74.41 ¢/chick
A-155	1.651 \$/kg	545.36 ¢/doz	56.81 ¢/chick	75.75 ¢/chick
A-156	1.645 \$/kg	551.34 ¢/doz	57.43 ¢/chick	76.37 ¢/chick
A-157	1.647 \$/kg	556.20 ¢/doz	57.94 ¢/chick	76.87 ¢/chick
A-158	1.691 \$/kg	572.19 ¢/doz	59.60 ¢/chick	78.52 ¢/chick

Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
A-153	Oct 28, 2018	Dec 22, 2018
A-154	Dec 23, 2018	Feb 16, 2019
A-155	Feb 17, 2019	Apr 13, 2019
A-156	Apr 14, 2019	Jun 8, 2019
A-157	Jun 9, 2019	Aug 3, 2019
A-158	Aug 4, 2019	Sept 28, 2019



MEMO

TO: Hatching Egg Producers
FROM: Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director
DATE: September 13, 2019
SUBJECT: Animal Care Program

Good Afternoon,

The CHEP Animal Care Program (ACP) Audits have been underway since August 2019. Please be aware of the following:

- 1. Records** – On-Farm Staff have put together PDF Fillable Records for your use. You can find them on the Producer side of the website here www.bcbhec.com and login. If you have trouble logging in please contact Naylene at naylene@bcbhec.com.
- 2. Audit Schedule** – The ACP and CHEQ programs have moved to a 15-month rotation which has moved our audit schedule accordingly. To accommodate this, the schedule has shifted from an annual audit cycle to a 15-month audit cycle. Please be aware that your audit month will be changing in the coming years. Your audit month will be emailed to you in early January 2020. If you are unable to provide a populated barn during your scheduled audit month, please inform Kaitlyn ahead of time so that scheduling can be accommodated.
- 3. Barn Walk-through and Randomization** – Please be aware that the ACP requires a barn walkthrough with each full audit. The auditor must be able to assess all birds, equipment and surroundings during the walk-through. Therefore, the auditor is also subject to determine the light intensity during the barn walk portion of the audit. To determine the barn chosen for the walk-through, the barn is randomly selected through a random number generator app. The number generated will be from all populated barns on the premises being audited.
- 4. Barn Specifications** – The On-Farm Staff are working to complete a barn specifications update. Please contact Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com with any empty barns you have still needing to be counted and any future dates for empty and un-counted barns.
- 5. Equipment Makes & Models** – The On-Farm Staff are collecting equipment makes and models of your feed and water systems in each barn. If you have not done so already, please send this information to Kaitlyn. If you are not sure what systems, you have please contact your local equipment supplier company to inquire.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact the On-Farm Staff.

Regards,

Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

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IMPORTANT FORMS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

We would like to remind you that the September 30th, 2019 deadline to submit the following 2018 AgriStability forms is approaching:

- T1273 Statement A-Harmonized AgriStability/AgriInvest Programs Information and Statement of Farming Activities for Individuals,
or
- Statement A-Corporations/Co-operatives and Special Individuals.

Forms are available at www.gov.bc.ca/AgriStability

Individual's forms must be mailed to:	Corporations, Co-operatives and Special Individuals must send forms to:
Canada Revenue Agency Tax Centre PO Box 14001, Station Main Winnipeg MB R3C 3M3	AgriStability Administration PO Box 3200 Station Main Winnipeg MB R3C 5R7 or Toll-free fax 1-877-949-4885 or EFILE through Canada Revenue Agency website

Late forms can be submitted until December 31, 2019; there is however a penalty of \$500.00 per overdue month.

Producers who miss the late submission deadline of December 31, 2019 will not be eligible for 2018 program year benefits.

You must file your 2018 farm taxes to CRA to be eligible for AgriStability Program benefits.

If you need more information or assistance filling in your forms please call the British Columbia administration toll-free: 1-877-343-2767, or come into one of our AgriStability offices at:

200 1500 Hardy Street
Kelowna, BC V1Y 8H2

1767 Angus Campbell Road
Abbotsford, BC V3G 2M3

The [BC Government announced the Food Security Task Force](#) (Task Force) – a commitment identified in the 2019 Speech from the Throne. The Food Security Task Force is appointed by the Premier to provide strategic advice and recommendations for how agriculture technology and innovation can be developed, grown and broadly adopted to support food security across the province.

“Food security” in the context of the Task Force means ensuring B.C.’s agriculture and food sector can retain its competitiveness and productivity in the face of challenges such as climate change, resource scarcity (e.g., water), growing market competition from other jurisdictions and a tight labour market. Food security also means that sector can produce enough high-quality food to supply local demand while also growing its export capacity to help diversify B.C.’s economy and support regional economic development. The Task Force will explore the following food security strategies:

- Applying technology and innovation to the agricultural sector in ways that improve efficiency and reduce waste and consider other expensive or damaging environmental inputs.
- Developing talent needed to advance, drive and implement innovations in the agriculture sector.
- Identifying other barriers (e.g., policy, legislative etc.) that may be negatively impacting sector growth as well as considering approaches and best practices in other jurisdictions that have advanced food security.

What this means for you

An [online public engagement](#) opportunity is available until October 15, 2019. As a key sector stakeholder, you are encouraged to share your opinions and input by completing the survey.

As part of their mandate, the Task Force is conducting stakeholder engagement across B.C. from now until the end of the year, to gather insights on how agritech can support food security, what the barriers are to grow agritech and what further support is needed from government. Information about these opportunities will be posted to the engagement site once confirmed.

Online survey responses will be considered by the Task Force, along with in-person stakeholder engagement feedback, to inform a final report of recommendations, expected to be made public in early 2020.

More information about the Task Force, including their Terms of Reference is available on the public engagement page linked above.

Any questions or supplemental feedback to the online survey can be directed to foodsecuritytaskforce@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your consideration!

CHEP Agriskills

This comprehensive course has been developed for hatching egg producers and their employees.

Based on real-world best practices used on farms across Canada, this simple, practical training package ensures that even the busiest farms can successfully train their workers quickly and with no down-time.

This course was developed in consultation with hatching egg producers and industry experts across Canada. The training is based on National Occupational Standards, which are national employee benchmarks that define the knowledge and behaviours required for job success.

The modules cover important broiler hatching egg basics such as egg and chick quality, feed, lighting, flock health, and flock uniformity. You will learn why these practices are important, and how they fit with your day-to-day tasks.

– Canadian Hatching Egg Producers

For questions and to sign up for CHEP Agriskills, please contact Kaitlyn Loewen by phone (604-850-1854) or email (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) to have an account created for you.