

# BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

## INDUSTRY STATISTICS

**YTD Hatchability**  
83.4 %

**Average Lay Cycle End**  
55 weeks

**Average Breeder Price**  
Female: \$10.45  
Male: \$14.04

**2019 Audit Stats**  
Total Premises to Audit: 70  
Premises Completed: 66

### 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. Please let us know if there have been any changes.

### CHEP AGRISKILLS

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

### STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

Please see the attached statement from the Minister of Agriculture regarding animal welfare.

### URGENT PRODUCER ONLY MEETING

December 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm – Quality Hotel, Valley Room – this meeting is for producers only – see attached agenda for more information.

### CHEQ PROGRAM FEEDBACK

CHEP is requesting your feedback on the Canadian Hatching Egg Quality (CHEQ) producer manual as part of the regular program review.

### COGA ATTENDANCE SPONSORSHIP

The Commission will be sponsoring 5 seats for producers to attend the upcoming COGA sessions on a first come first serve basis.

*January 23, 2020 – Governance: Managing Conflict*

*February 13, 2020 – Emerging Issues – Activism & Influences in Agriculture*

Please contact Naylene for registration.

## Hatching Egg Tips

Click the link below to find a great article on “The challenges of feeding modern broiler breeders”

[https://www.cobb-vantress.com/en\\_US/articles/the-challenge-of-feeding-modern-broiler-breeders/](https://www.cobb-vantress.com/en_US/articles/the-challenge-of-feeding-modern-broiler-breeders/)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 PRODUCER OF THE YEAR!



**V B Kunze**  
**Victor and Beata Kunze**



**Merry Christmas**

*Thank-you for a wonderful year! From all the staff, we wish you a joyous Holiday season and a happy and peaceful New Year!*

### Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-159	1.707 \$/kg	574.59 ¢/doz	59.85 ¢/chick	78.77 ¢/chick
A-160	1.697 \$/kg	598.71 ¢/doz	62.32 ¢/chick	81.26 ¢/chick

### Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-159	Sep 29, 2019	Nov 23, 2019
A-160	Nov 24, 2019	Jan 18, 2020

## CHEP Agriskills

This is a comprehensive online course that 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.

This course is free of charge and can be completed at the student's leisure.

There are 21 modules in all. Each module covers a topic which consists of a learning portion with information and a quiz on that topic. Quizzes only advance once the correct answer is selected for each question.

After each completed module and corresponding quiz there is a certificate awarded showing the student has completed that module topic.

Modules usually take between 10-40 minutes to complete depending on the student, topic, and size of module.

This is a great opportunity for employers and employees to further their knowledge in the industry.

To sign up, please send Kaitlyn:

1. Full Name of student
2. Email address of student

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

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## STATEMENT

For Immediate Release

Ministry of Agriculture

### **Minister's statements on animal welfare**

VICTORIA – Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, made the following remarks at the BC Ag Day reception on Oct. 28, 2019 supporting B.C. livestock producers:

“I’ve spoken at this reception many times. There is so much to talk about, so much to be proud of in the industry, and so many topics that affect different sectors.

“Tonight, I want to do something a little different though, and focus on one very important issue. I want to speak directly and publicly in support of those of you that raise livestock. You are valued and respected members of our society, all of our communities need you. You work hard to provide protein that millions of people rely on for nourishment.

“Livestock operators are part of an agriculture and seafood industry that generates \$15 billion dollars a year and creates over 63,000 jobs in our province. For example, stockbreeders and ranchers in B.C. annually market more than 150,000 cattle and calves that produce more than 80,000 tonnes of beef with a value of more than \$220 million dollars.

“I understand some people are opposed to the use of animals for food – or in any way at all. They are certainly entitled to make that choice, and to express their opinion and advocate for change in a peaceful way. However, I am speaking today to make a different point. I asked these two rather tall gentlemen to be here with me when I make my statement. So, I’d like to introduce Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Minister Eby who is our Attorney General.

“I wanted them to be here because I wanted to make it clear that I have back up from British Columbia’s Attorney General and the Solicitor General, and these are the men responsible for B.C.’s laws and responsible for their enforcement.

“So, let me be clear, this government is working hard to deter those who are illegally harassing and intimidating farmers and ranchers. We are working hard to deter people who trespass on your property and damage your farm equipment and endanger the animals in your care. We understand the current rules are not stopping illegal protesting activity and we have already taken a number of steps to address this problem.

“Earlier this year, with industry support, we turned the National Farm Animal Care Council Codes of Practice into law here in B.C. This demonstrates to the public, to our consumers, that the B.C. government and the industry respect animal welfare.

“Earlier this month, we held a round-table to bring the agriculture industry and leaders together with the RCMP, police, and the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General. A key objective was to help those who enforce the laws to better understand how serious the impacts are of protests on livestock producers and their families.

“We introduced a motion to amend the Trespass Act so it is clear that it can be used on those who trespass on all livestock premises. We commit to you that we will redouble our efforts to work with the BC Agriculture Council to determine what additional tools or enforcement actions may be necessary. We are prepared to work with law enforcement and industry in order to advance the necessary changes to strengthen the protection that farmers and ranching families need.

“Further, we understand that a farm or ranch is not just a workplace – it’s a home and a place with children and grandparents. Trespass, mischief, prowling at night – these are all against the law and must be treated as such. I understand that bullying, harassment and threats occur outside of the farm as well, in the community, at processing plants, and on social media.

“Such actions violate your privacy rights, they are traumatic, and create fear and anxiety. And it takes a heavy toll on the emotional well-being of farmers and their families. Harassment and threats of violence wherever they happen are unacceptable, and I know the Solicitor General has to more say on that subject. We also know that trespassers can violate bio-security, compromising the health of animals, and putting entire herds and flocks at risk.

“Farmers and ranchers love their animals and take their care and welfare very seriously. It is crucial for farmers and ranchers to be assured that their animals are safe and in good health, especially when they are in their barns and on their property.

“Finally, I want to acknowledge the hit to the bottom line when trespassers intrude. I know very well how tight the margins can be and how these threats and actions can harm them. Supporting the farmer and the rancher is just as important as protecting the land and water, and I give you my word, we are going to do it.”

David Eby, Attorney General, made the following comments at BC Ag Day reception:

“Lana asked me to come up and share with you what happened in the legislature last week. We had a routine bill, the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act. One of the sections of the bill related to the Trespass Act, specifically it was adding airplanes as one of the areas where you are not allowed to trespass. It was a suggestion, it came from an MLA in a committee, let’s include airplanes in the trespass act, it goes to the public service, it spits out as one of these miscellaneous bills and it seemed relatively uncontroversial and hopefully helpful.

“An MLA on the BC Liberal side said its fine to be adding airplanes but what about this issue that is happening on farms. And he put forward a proposal to amend the bill to include farm property. Now, I’ve been in opposition for four years and I know how this works. It’s important

to do things in opposition that are symbolic for your constituents. I've put forward many amendments and I think I was successful, once, as an opposition MLA.

"I heard the comments from the member and I know I've been speaking with the minister responsible and I know this is a concern. In the Trespass Act as it stands, the lawyers that I sit with that advise me on these things, and I've asked them about it and they're like it's really clear: farms are included in the Trespass Act, barns are included, farmland's included and you don't really need the amendment.

"Sometimes in law, you need to send a message. So, I asked my staff to go back and draft an amendment for the miscellaneous statutes bill that was consistent with the rest of the laws of British Columbia. So that we could put it forward and we could vote on it in the legislature, so we could be really clear: that farms, and farmland are included in the Trespass Act, buildings used for the raising of livestock are included. Because we want to send a message and we think it is critically important that we send the message that we support you farmers in what you do.

"We support you in raising livestock, feeding our families, and we count on you everyday to do that work and to have our laws reflect that care and concern that we have for the work that you do is really important. It's important for our province and as Attorney General, if I can assist in doing that with the work of our Agriculture Minister, then I will absolutely do that every time.

"So, we're on your side, we've amended the law to make it absolutely clear to everybody. There are ongoing investigations in relation to a number of matters so I can't talk about specific cases but I'll tell you we take them incredibly seriously and I want to thank you for coming tonight."

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, made the following comments at BC Ag Day reception:

"All of you play a vital role in the food security of this province, in the economy of this province, ensuring that we have a food supply that we need. You have every right to conduct your business in a way that is safe, in a way that meets your needs, and that you don't have to be concerned about either the safety of your family or your animals or be concerned about intimidation or harassment.

"I've often heard the word, activists. The people who do vandalism, the people who trespass on your property, the people who intimidate your family, or harass you on Facebook, are not activists. That is just straight criminality and thuggery.

"Activists engage in law abiding protests, they work to bring people along, they work to change people's attitudes. Destroying your property is not that. I want to assure you that we take this very seriously.

"Every year I meet with the Chiefs of Police and the Associations of Police and I will tell you that I will be raising this issue with them. Because one of the things we have to do is give it a higher profile. To make it understand that it is not a victimless crime, that these activities are not just

some sort of prank. They have a very serious impact on your family, on you, your mental health and wellbeing, and your livestock and your farming operations.

“One of the things that will be happening now that the election is over is that they’ll be a new cabinet appointed is that ministers have the annual federal/provincial/territorial ministers meeting. One of the things that we can do at those meetings is make it clear to the federal government that issues like this need not just a provincial approach because there’s a lot of things we can do provincially but if you want serious penalties that recognize the criminal nature of this, those have to be addressed by the federal government.

“Our commitment is that we will raise this at the federal level as well. Because it’s not just a British Columbia issue, it’s a nation-wide issue and it requires a coordinated, provincial and national response in dealing with the kind of harassment and intimidation that too many of you have faced.

“Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you and to let you know that we’re on your side.”



# AGENDA

## BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission Special Meeting

December 12, 2019

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

The Valley Room at the Quality Hotel

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**Discussion Topics:**

1. Linkage Update
    - Kill date inclusion
      - Allocation Methodology
    - Revenue streams
  2. Pricing Update
    - COP model vs linkage
    - National COP
    - Western COP / Initiative
  3. 2019 / 2020 Production Update
    - Eggs per hen update
    - HERS implementation
  4. Kill Dates
    - 2020 projections
  5. Building Update
    - McCallum Junction
  6. Small Egg Program Update
  7. Questions
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## CHEQ™ Request for Feedback – Producer Manual (November 2019)

Section	Current text (Please include page number/GPP number)	Suggested change	Reason for change
<b>Introduction</b>			
What is CHEQ™?			
Why have CHEQ™?			
How was CHEQ™ developed?			
Implementing CHEQ™ On-Farm			
Certification under CHEQ™			
In Summary			
Producer preassessment checklist			





<b>Good Production Practices</b>			
1.0 Assessing the Risks			
2.0 Controlling Access			
3.0 Sanitation			
4.0 Pest Control			
5.0 Purchasing, Receiving, Storage and Use			
6.0 Transportation of Birds			
7.0 Egg Sorting, Washing, Packaging and Storage			
8.0 Producer and Staff Training			



<b>Critical Control Points</b>			
1.1 Medication residues in meat			
1.2 Medication residues in breeder market eggs			
2. Sorting of Hatching Eggs			
3. Storage Temperature of Breeder Market Eggs for Commercial Graders and for Farmgate Distribution			
<b>Records</b>			
1. Annual Checklist			
2. Chemical Inventory			
3. Medication Usage			



4a. Facility Preparation & Pullet Transfer			
4b. Facility Preparation			
5. Hatching Egg Temperature and Egg Sorting			
6. Refrigerated Egg Storage Verification Log			
Site Plan - Barn Schematic			
<b>Standard Operating Procedures</b>			
Pullet Barn Sanitation			
Egg Barn Sanitation			

Egg Room and Tables			
Pest Control Program			
Emergency Plan			
Egg Washing			
<b>Sample Letters</b>			
<b>Appendix</b>			
<b>Supplementary Information</b>			

Other comments: