

# BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

## INDUSTRY STATISTICS

### YTD Hatchability

83.7 %

### Average Lay Cycle End

56 weeks

### Average Breeder Price

Female: \$10.45

Male: \$14.04

### 2020 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 56  
Premises Completed: 14 / 56

### Hatching Egg Tip

Click the link below for some helpful tips on monitoring crop fill in your chicks.

[http://en.aviagen.com/assets/Tech-Center/BB\\_Resources\\_Tools/Video-Crop-Fill-EN-19.pdf](http://en.aviagen.com/assets/Tech-Center/BB_Resources_Tools/Video-Crop-Fill-EN-19.pdf)



## YELLOW BIOSECURITY ALERT

Please see the attached alert from Christine Koch, Manager, BC Poultry Association.

## OFFICE UPDATE

The Commission office will continue to be closed due to COVID-19. All Commission staff are currently working from home; the On-Farm Team is continuing to complete on-farm operations. If you do not want the on-farm team on-site at this time, please email the Commission so we are aware.

## COVID-19 PUBLIC SUPPORT APP

This is a new app from the Ministry of Health that allows British Columbians to conduct self-assessments. <https://bc.thrive.health/>

## ELECTION NOTICE

Please watch your mailbox and email for information regarding this year's BC Hatching Eggs election. Ensure you add [office@bccoga.ca](mailto:office@bccoga.ca) to your email contacts to ensure election information does not end up in your junk email.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE NEELS

Please see the attached letter from the BC Farm Industry Review Board regarding Mr. Neels appointment prior approval.

## CHEP AGRISKILLS

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

## BCBHEC WEBSITE – PRODUCER ZONE

The Producer Zone of the website has been updated with all current documentation. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the new layout. If you are unsure what your username and password are please contact Naylene ([naylene@bcbhec.com](mailto:naylene@bcbhec.com)).

## POSTPONED OR CANCELLED EVENTS

BC Poultry Symposium – has been postponed until further notice.  
Chicken Golf Tournament has been cancelled.

Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-161	1.694 \$/kg	600.92 ¢/doz	62.55 ¢/chick	81.49 ¢/chick
A-162	1.694 \$/kg	602.95 ¢/doz	62.76 ¢/chick	81.70 ¢/chick

Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-161	Jan 19, 2020	Mar 14, 2020
A-162	Mar 15, 2020	May 9, 2020

## Heightened Biosecurity “Yellow”

These measures are above mandatory standards and should be applied when there is a heightened disease risk or other threats in your region within BC.<sup>1</sup>

### Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)

- CAZ barrier should be closed at all times
- Restrict CAZ access to all unnecessary vehicles
- Establish a parking area outside of your CAZ
- Implement an “Essential Visitors Only” policy
- Minimize contact with all other avian (bird) and porcine (swine) species
- Minimize contact with all other poultry operations
- No mortalities and cull eggs to leave premise except on recommendation of a governing body (i.e. board/commission, veterinary, CFIA etc.)

### Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Keep doors locked at all times when the building is not occupied by personnel
- Closely monitor flock health for unusual changes in feed and water consumption, increased mortality, and unusual behaviour. Report any of the above to your Veterinarian and commodity board
- Clean and disinfect traffic area and access points after each egg pick up
- Minimize contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

### Equipment

- All equipment and materials related to the production of poultry that enter or leave the CAZ, regardless of size or use, must be clean and disinfected

<sup>1</sup> These are not all of the BC Biosecurity Program requirements; please refer to your producer manual for more information. Note if your commodities On-Farm Food Safety Program requires more stringent biosecurity measures please follow them instead. The measures above are minimum requirements.



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## BC Farm Industry Review Board

April 21, 2020

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### DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Jim Collins, Chair  
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission  
180 – 32160 South Fraser Way  
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Dear Mr. Collins:

### BRITISH COLUMBIA BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION APPOINTMENT PRIOR APPROVAL DECISION

On April 15, 2020 the British Columbia Broiler Hatching Egg Commission (the Commission) notified the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) that as of April 2, 2020 there is a vacancy on the Commission. The Commission is requesting BCFIRB's prior approval to appoint registered producer, Joe Neels, to temporarily fill this vacancy.

The current vacancy results from the resignation of Commission member Allan Mulder upon the transfer of his quota effective April 2, 2020. One year remains in Mr. Mulder's term. The Commission recommends to BCFIRB that Mr. Neels be appointed to fill the balance of Mr. Mulders term (ending May/June 2021) under s. 3(g) of the Natural Products Marketing (BC) Regulations. Mr. Neels is currently a Commission member whose term expires at the May/June 2020 election. The Commission reports Mr. Neels agrees to be considered for the temporary appointment and does not wish to run for a further term.

The Commission's reasons for recommending Mr. Neels include:

- Importance of continuity and transition time given the current circumstances. The Commission is at risk of having a 60% turnover in membership at a time when pricing is in flux and it is managing the serious industry-wide orderly marketing challenges posed by the COVID pandemic.
- Support of the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Association (BCBHEPA)

I am satisfied that given the current circumstances and BCBHEPA support that no further consultation with registered producers is required. Mr. Neels has been a member on the Commission since 2011, currently serves as Vice Chair and sits as BC's representative on the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers. As such I have no questions as to Mr. Neels' abilities as a

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Commission member and the importance of having his skills and knowledge available at the provincial and national tables during this critical time. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Mr. Neels has confirmed that he is not planning on running in the 2020 election nor does he intend on seeking a further term at the close of the temporary appointment in May/June 2021.

Given the foregoing, and on the understanding that Mr. Neels is tendering his resignation as a Commission member effective immediately such that his current position will be available to be filled in the 2020 election, I approve the temporary appointment of Mr. Neels to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Mulders' term effective immediately, which term will end at the May/June 2021 Commission election.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

Per:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Leigh".

Tamara Leigh  
Presiding Member

cc: BCFIRB web site

## 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.

# Chicken Golf - Cancellation

Good afternoon,

Our Golf Tournament Committee met last Wednesday to discuss how to move forward with our 2020 Chicken Golf Charity Tournament in June.

In light of all that is happening with the current COVID-19 situation, the Committee made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Chicken Golf Tournament. Our new Tournament date will be **June 7, 2021**.

We want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your sponsorship and/or golf registration. We have been amazed at the continued support of our sponsors, and the dedication of our golfers to make a difference in the lives of children/teens in our community! **We had raised an amazing \$39,850 towards our golf tournament!**

For Sponsorships and Registrations, we will be offering either a refund for the total amount paid or **the option to give your full or partial dollars as a 100% donation to the charities**, as both Associations have agreed to pay all costs that have been incurred for the 2020 Golf Tournament to date. (credit card fees, tournament planning, website, etc.)

Refunds will be handled by Stripe credit card refund. Troy Slogocki will contact all confirmed sponsors and registered golfers to finalize their sponsorship/registration. Alternately, you can contact him at [troy@iscoregolf.ca](mailto:troy@iscoregolf.ca), Sandra Lepp at [association@bcbhec.com](mailto:association@bcbhec.com) or Margret Duin at [office@bchickengrowers.ca](mailto:office@bchickengrowers.ca) for further instruction.

**We will also be keeping our Registration site open until the beginning of June. The website has been updated to include donations to the Archway Food Bank Starfish Pack and Cyrus Centre charities. All donations will be given a tax receipt. For more information go to: <https://events.eply.com/chickengolf2020>**

We understand that everyone's situation may be different, and that this may not be possible at this time. However, these charities will need our dollars now more than ever to help the kids/teens in our Community.

Keep safe, and we hope to see you all back for 2021!

## **2020 Chicken Golf Committee**

Fred Redekop, Chair

Troy Slogocki

Bryan Brandsma

Mike Braun

Angela Groothof

Jon DeLeeuw

Crystal Poe

Margret Duin

Sandra Lepp

Jennifer Curtis