

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER



INDUSTRY STATISTICS

YTD Hatchability

83.9 %

Average Lay Cycle End

56 weeks

Average Breeder Price

Female: \$10.99

Male: \$15.43

2021 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 58

Premises Completed: 15 / 58

Hatching Egg Tip

Click the link below to find an interesting podcast on infectious disease prevention.

<https://cahss.podbean.com/e/animal-health-insights-ep-5-tracking-down-disease-with-dr-genevieve-huard/>

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Please find below a link to some information related to a new federal support program to hire youth in agriculture. <https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/youth-employment-and-skills->

HPAI TRENDS CONTINUE TO RISE IN EUROPE & ASIA

"After several high-profile highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreaks in Europe and Vietnam reported in early May, the disease continued to jolt European commercial poultry producers and prompt new government actions in Asia in the following week."

Source: <https://www.meatingplace.com/Industry/News/Details/99146>

BC AGRI-BUSINESS PLANNING PROGRAM

The BC Agri-Business Program supports producers and food processors through three business planning streams. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/agri-business-planning-program>

WATER WELL APPLICATION DEADLINE

Please see the attached document regarding applications for water wells.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations Shane Driessen on being [elected to the board!](#)

ACP – BARN SPECIFICATION UPDATES

A reminder to inform the on-farm department if you are renovating your barns or changing barn equipment to ensure premises ACP compliance.

PROPOSED HATCHERY LICENSE CRITERIA CHANGES

The [draft Amending Order](#), previously circulated on May 3 outlining proposed changes effective December 31, 2021, is attached.

2020 LAY CYCLE COMPENSATION

Please see the attached letter on the review of lay cycles for 2020.

POULTRY AND EGG ON-FARM INVESTMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Applications are now being accepted by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). Please find correspondence attached. Commission staff will be attending a training session on how to assist Producers with this process next week; following that we will be happy to assist, where we can, with your questions.

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COVID-19 REMINDERS

Due to COVID-19, office staff are on rotation, working from home and at the office. We are not accepting visitors at the office without an appointment. It is best to email the staff member you are trying to reach so they may follow up. We appreciate your patience during this time.

On-Farm staff require a minimum of 24 hours notice if you would like to reschedule your appointment. Please see attached information on how to update your farm's COVID-19 safety plan provided by the BCPA.

Pricing Orders					Production Cycles		
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks	Period	Start Date	End Date
A-165	1.684 \$/kg	608.26 ¢/doz	63.30 ¢/chick	82.24 ¢/chick	A-165	Aug 30, 2020	Oct 24, 2020
A-166	1.690 \$/kg	617.98 ¢/doz	64.31 ¢/chick	83.25 ¢/chick	A-166	Oct 25, 2020	Dec 19, 2020
A-167	1.757 \$/kg	637.62 ¢/doz	66.33 ¢/chick	85.27 ¢/chick	A-167	Dec 20, 2020	Feb 13, 2021
A-168	1.812 \$/kg	658.11 ¢/doz	68.45 ¢/chick	87.39 ¢/chick	A-168	Feb 14, 2021	Apr 10, 2021
A-169	1.950 \$/kg	685.49 ¢/doz	71.27 ¢/chick	90.21 ¢/chick	A-169	Apr 11, 2021	Jun 05, 2021
A-170	1.951 \$/kg	681.84 ¢/doz	70.90 ¢/chick	89.84 ¢/chick	A-170	Jun 06, 2021	Jul 31, 2021

Securing Your Water Source Rights

If you have a well or wells, you need to apply for a water licence by March 1, 2022. This requirement has been in place since the *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA) was enacted on February 29, 2016.

The existing use groundwater application period has been extended to March 1, 2022 – that is less than 10 months away. You need to apply to secure your right to use groundwater now and into the future. If you use ground water for non-domestic purposes such as irrigation and livestock watering, you are legally required to apply for a water licence by March 1, 2022.

Farmers who have applied by the deadline can continue to use groundwater until a decision is made on their application. Those continuing to use groundwater without applying for a licence after March 1, 2022 will be committing an offence under the *Water Sustainability Act* and may be subject to fines and penalties and ordered to stop using water. You also run the risk of losing the right to use the water.

Farmers who apply after the deadline must apply as a new groundwater user and will lose recognition of their historical date of first use. Their new priority date will in most cases be the date of the application. A new application can be refused if there is not enough water in the local aquifer.

New applicants are also required to pay the one-time application fee (minimum \$250) and may need to provide evidence to support groundwater availability. Water cannot be lawfully diverted, used or stored until a licence has been obtained.

Applications can be made online at groundwater.gov.bc.ca. Anyone who needs help with their water licence application can contact FrontCounter BC at 1-877-855-3222.

For more information about what you need to do before you apply and if you need a water licence, visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/water/gwlicensinggas-2020.pdf>

There is also a checklist from FrontCounter BC that is helpful.

<https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/documents/10184/0/EUGW-Checklist.pdf/bfa0b053-dbd4-8952-81e9-fc260960ba69>

You will need to apply for a B.C. electronic identification (i.e., a basic BCeID) to be able to save your existing use groundwater application. It is highly advised to apply for BCeID before you start the application process. You may not finish the application in one sitting.

https://www.bceid.ca/register/basic/account_details.aspx?type=regular&eServiceType=basic



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May 25, 2021

Mr. Jim Collins, Chair
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission
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Dear Jim,

RE: 2021 BCBHEC Director Election Results

The 2021 Election for Members of the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission has concluded. The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission' 2021 Election Schedule provided a vacancy for one (1) position representing Registered Producers.

As prescribed by the schedule, Registered Producers were advised of the vacancy and of the nomination procedures.

There was only one (1) valid nomination received by the deadline therefore no vote was conducted. We declare **Shane Driessen of G&G Poultry Ltd.**, elected by acclamation to the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission, for a four-year term commencing June 18, 2021.

We confirm that the election was conducted according to the BCBHEC Election Rules and Procedures as approved, April 2, 2020, by the BC Farm Industry Review Board.

Yours truly,

Della Oberhoffner, Independent Elections Officer for the
BC Council of Marketing Boards

cc Kirsten Pedersen, Executive Director, BC Farm Industry Review Board
cc Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director, BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission
cc Joshua Crossett, BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission, Manager, Finance & Production
cc Shane Driessen, G&G Poultry Ltd.
cc Jack Dewit, Chair, BC Council of Marketing Boards

May 3, 2021

VIA EMAIL

All BC Hatching Egg Producers and Stakeholders,

RE: PROPOSED HATCHERY LICENSE CRITERIA CHANGES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2021

The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission has been reviewing the general hatchery requirements outlined in the Consolidated Order. Considerations in this review include establishing provisions in support of maximizing 80/20 (the balance of 80% domestic and 20% import product) as part of the Commission's 2021 Strategic Plan.

More recently other issues have arisen with respect to mainstream and specialty producer-hatcheries. In the case of the former, producer-hatchery license holders have adjusted their existing or proposed business models from through putting their product to working exclusively via the mutually acceptable arrangements with another hatchery. In the latter case, an existing specialty producer has applied to be licensed as a new specialty producer-hatchery.

These circumstances have caused the Commission to examine its policies with respect to hatchery licensing generally and with respect to producer-hatcheries.

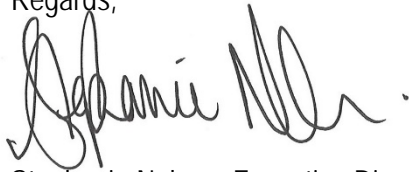
It is thought that mainstream hatcheries and mainstream producer-hatcheries licensed by the Commission should be contributing participants under the Official Flock Schedule and have the capacity to do so. Hatchery and producer-hatchery licenses should not be granted primarily as a means of providing the licensee with the ability to order broiler breeders without the capacity to hatch the production from those breeders.

Currently, all producers are obliged to order broiler breeders through their assigned hatchery. A producer-hatchery may also order its own broiler breeders, which is a financial benefit to the producer. This benefit is compounded if a producer-hatchery is delegating the actual hatching of its production to another hatchery via mutually acceptable arrangements. Whether individual producers, hatcheries (from whom breeder chick prices charged to producers include profit margins) or the Commission should be responsible for ordering broiler breeders is a larger question but here, the question is whether a producer should be able to operate a "shell" hatchery and receive financial benefits denied to other producers.

Although not part of the Official Flock Schedule, the capacity requirements for a specialty producer-hatchery are also being considered by the Commission.

All stakeholders are now requested to review the proposed Amending Order, attached, and provide feedback to the Commission by June 10, 2021. That feedback will be carefully considered by the Commission before reaching any decisions with respect to the proposed Amending Order. Please note that if the Commission should decide to pass the Amending Order, either in its current form or some revised form, it does not anticipate that such an Order would come into effect sooner than December 31, 2021. This would give all hatcheries time to adjust or raise exceptional circumstances for the Commission to consider before an Amending Order comes into effect.

Regards,



Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

Attachment

**AMENDING ORDER
TO THE
CONSOLIDATED ORDER OF JANUARY 1, 2021**

**MADE BY
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION
ON _____, 2021**

The British Columbia Broiler Hatching Egg Commission orders as follows:

1. *Section 2 of the Consolidated Order of January 1, 2021 is amended by replacing the definition of “Producer-Hatchery” with the following:*

“Producer-Hatchery” means a Hatchery that is affiliated with one or more Producers by reason of:

- (a) the Producer or Producers having a direct or indirect majority interest in the Hatchery and its associated Hatchery facilities, whether by means of shares (and irrespective of the class of shares) or by way of a share interest in a parent corporation; or
- (b) the Producer or Producers being controlled by the same Person or group of Persons who control the Hatchery.

2. *Subsection 3(1) of the Consolidated Order of January 1, 2021 is replaced with the following:*

3. (1) No Person shall act as a Producer, Hatchery, Producer-Hatchery, Processor or Transporter unless in possession of a valid and subsisting licence issued by the Commission, and no Person shall be relieved of compliance with this requirement in respect of any class of licence on the grounds that such Person is the holder of a valid and subsisting licence of another class.

3. *Section 6 of the Consolidated Order of January 1, 2021 is replaced with the following:*

Special Conditions for Hatcheries

6. It is a condition of issuance and maintenance of every Hatchery Licence that the applicant or holder:
- (a) own and maintain a facility for the hatching and incubation of Broiler Hatching Eggs into broiler chicks for delivery to a Grower, with sufficient minimum capacity to accommodate all Marketable Eggs produced by 15,000 broiler breeders at peak production;
 - (b) accommodate all production from at least one Producer assigned to that Hatchery pursuant to the Official Flock Schedule;
 - (c) order and arrange for the placement of day-old broiler breeder pullets in accordance with the Official Flock Schedule;
 - (d) pick up Marketable Eggs produced by each Producer assigned to that Hatchery pursuant to the Official Flock Schedule;
 - (e) place Marketable Eggs produced by the Producer or Producers referred to in the preceding paragraph into its incubators in a timely fashion and as soon after such Marketable Eggs are laid as is reasonably possible.
 - (f) make and maintain mutually acceptable arrangements (the form and substance of which must also be approved by the Commission in writing) with one or more chicken Growers duly licensed by the British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board for the purchase and sale of all Chicks hatched from Broiler Hatching Eggs produced by the Producer or Producers referred to in paragraph (c); and
 - (g) satisfy the Commission that the chicken Grower or Growers referred to in paragraph (e) have each made mutually acceptable arrangements with one or more chicken processors duly licensed by the British

Columbia Chicken Marketing Board for the purchase and sale of all chicken grown from Chicks hatched by the applicant or holder, for a term not less than six production periods of eight weeks each.

4. *Section 6.1 is added to the Consolidated Order of January 1, 2021 immediately after section 6, as follows:*

Special Conditions for Producer-Hatcheries

- 6.1 It is a condition of issuance and maintenance of every Producer-Hatchery Licence that the applicant or holder:
- (a) own and maintain a facility for the hatching and incubation of Broiler Hatching Eggs into broiler chicks for delivery to a Grower, with sufficient minimum capacity to accommodate the greater of:
 - (i) all Marketable Eggs produced by 15,000 broiler breeders at peak production; or
 - (ii) all Marketable Eggs produced by the affiliated Producer or Producers at peak production.
 - (b) place all Marketable Eggs produced by the affiliated Producer or Producers into its incubators in a timely fashion and as soon after such Marketable Eggs are laid as is reasonably possible;
 - (c) make mutually acceptable arrangements with another Hatchery (the form and substance of which must also be approved by the Commission in writing) to receive and purchase any and all Broiler Hatching Eggs produced by the affiliated Producer or Producers that, in extraordinary circumstances, cannot be placed by the applicant or holder into its incubators in a timely fashion and as soon after such Marketable Eggs are laid as is reasonably possible;
 - (d) make and maintain mutually acceptable arrangements (the form and substance of which must also be approved by the Commission in writing) with one or more chicken Growers duly licensed by the British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board for the purchase and sale of all Chicks hatched from Broiler

Hatching Eggs produced by the affiliated Producer or Producers;

- (e) satisfy the Commission that the chicken Grower or Growers referred to in paragraph (d) have each made mutually acceptable arrangements with one or more chicken processors duly licensed by the British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board for the purchase and sale of all chicken grown from Chicks hatched by the applicant or holder, for a term not less than six production periods of eight weeks each; and
- (f) accept and purchase Broiler Hatching Eggs other than from the Producer or Producers affiliated with the applicant or holder whenever directed to do so by the Commission, in which event, the applicant or holder must also:
 - (i) order and arrange for the placement of day-old broiler breeder pullets in accordance with the Official Flock Schedule;
 - (ii) pick up Marketable Eggs produced by each Producer assigned to that Producer-Hatchery pursuant to the Official Flock Schedule; and
 - (iii) place Marketable Eggs produced by the Producer or Producers referred to in the preceding paragraph into its incubators in a timely fashion and as soon after such Marketable Eggs are laid as is reasonably possible.

5. *This Order comes into effect on _____, 2021.*

DATED at Abbotsford, British Columbia, on _____, 2021

BRITISH COLUMBIA BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

Jim Collins, Chair

June 4, 2021

VIA EMAIL

RE: LAY CYCLE COMPENSATION FOR 2020

Dear Hatching Egg Producer,

The Board has completed its review of lay cycles for flocks with processing dates in 2020.

The Board established a compensation threshold (minimum number of weeks) for 2020 and compared it to each Producer's weighted-average for flocks processed in this year. Payment to Producers whose flocks qualified was processed on May 21, 2021.

Please also note, that effective Period A170, the Commission adjusted the COP to reflect the current 56-week lay cycle and pricing received by Producers is based upon that 56-week lay cycle.

For additional information, please email David at accounting@bcbhec.com or call (604) 850-1854.

Regards,



Stephanie Nelson
Executive Director



News Release

For immediate release

Poultry and egg producers can now apply for compensation funds to boost competitiveness

May 31, 2021 – Ottawa, Ontario – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Canada's supply-managed poultry and egg farmers are part of the backbone of the Canadian agriculture sector and the Canadian economy. Despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, they continue to produce high-quality products for Canadians and keep our rural communities competitive and resilient.

Today the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced that the Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program (PEFIP) is now accepting applications.

The PEFIP will provide almost \$647 million over ten years to support poultry and egg producers through on-farm investments. Each producer is entitled to an amount proportional to their quota holdings as of January 1, 2021. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2030, meaning producers can apply when they are ready to make an investment.

Eligible projects include anything that helps a producer increase efficiency or productivity, respond to consumer preferences, or improve on-farm safety, biosecurity or environmental sustainability. This includes new barn construction or upgrades to equipment like feeding, watering, lighting, ventilation, heating, and comfort systems that will promote energy efficiency and reduce an operations environmental footprint.

The Government of Canada will contribute up to 70% of the projects costs, increasing to up to 85% for young farmers, to help ensure a strong future for Canada's farms. The PEFIP offers producers flexibility to seek funding for eligible activities that started on or after March 19, 2019.

The PEFIP and the Market Development Program for Turkey and Chicken (MDPTC), taken together, total more than \$691 million over ten years. These programs respond directly to requests from producer associations and provide full and fair compensation to supply-managed sectors for market access concessions made under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Quote

"Our government is delivering on its commitment to compensate supply-managed farmers for the impacts of recent trade agreements. This program, which launches today, will help Canadian poultry and egg producers be more competitive and make their facilities even more sustainable."

- The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Quick Facts

- The funding allocation under the Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program (PEFIP) is:
 - \$347.3 million for chicken producers
 - \$76.9 million for turkey producers
 - \$134 million for egg producers
 - \$88.6 million for broiler hatching egg producers



- Under the PEFIP, an average chicken producer will have access to up to \$122,411; an average turkey producer will have access to up to \$147,356; an average egg producer will have access to up to \$111,203; and an average hatching egg producer will have access to up to \$375,297. These average entitlements are for the life of the program.
- Responding to stakeholder requests, \$17.3 million of the previously announced \$36.5 million for the Turkey Farmers of Canada under the Market Development Program for Turkey and Chicken (MDPTC) has been re-allocated to turkey producers under the PEFIP. The combined investment for MDPTC and PEFIP, totaling more than \$691 million over ten years, remains unchanged.
- The MDPTC, which was launched April 13, 2021, will provide \$19.2 million to the Turkey Farmers of Canada and \$25 million to the Chicken Farmers of Canada over ten years. This funding will help promotional activities that differentiate Canadian-made products' reputation for high-quality, safe and sustainably farmed food that adheres to strict animal welfare standards.
- The four supply-managed poultry and egg sectors (chicken, broiler hatching eggs, turkey, and eggs) generated \$4.9 billion in farm cash receipts in 2020, 6.8 percent of all farm cash receipts in Canada. According to industry, Canada's poultry and egg sector supports more than 140,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- The Government of Canada remains committed to engaging the sector on full and fair compensation for the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).

Additional Links

- [Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program](#)
- [Market Development Program for Turkey and Chicken](#)

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Key Messages

Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program

Background

- On April 13, 2021, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced details of two new programs for Canada's 4,800 poultry and egg farmers to mitigate market impacts from the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).
- Under the Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program (PEFIP), broiler hatching egg producers received \$88.6 million.
- Today, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) announced additional details regarding accessing the program.

Key messages

- Canada's hatching egg producers are pleased to receive additional details on the PEFIP.
- We thank the federal government for its continued support for supply management.
- The program comes at a good time for us as we can prepare for imports from the Pacific trade agreement.
- Minister Bibeau has indicated that support for the impact of CUSMA will be forthcoming in the future, so we are keen to begin those discussions at any time.

Details of the program

- AAFC is now accepting applications and producers can register on the PEFIP online portal by clicking on the following link: [Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program Online System \(PEFIPOS\)](#)
- To register on the PEFIP online portal, producers will need to provide the following information:
 - License number
 - Legal name or first and last name
 - Email
 - Address
- Upon validation of the information provided, producers will be able to have access to the online portal and see their PEFIP fund allotment. Producers will receive a call from an AAFC staff person to manually register them on the online portal in the event the system is unable to validate their information.



- The funds will be allocated by province where there is broiler hatching egg production in accord with their share of the CHEP national quota. Each individual producer will have an amount allocated to their business based on their share of the provincial quota. The expected breakdown is as follows:
 - BC \$13.9 million
 - AB \$9.51 million
 - SK \$3.68 million
 - MB \$4.17 million
 - ON \$29.1 million
 - QC \$23.08 million
 - NS \$3.02 million
 - NB \$2.11 million

- Producers will have nine (9) years to access and use their PEFIP fund allotment. CHEP expects any unused producer funds after year 9 will be reallocated to ensure the funding benefits the hatching egg sector, with details on reallocation to be finalized.

- Producers will be able to submit applications for on-farm investments that have been made since March 19, 2019. The project activities must be completed by March 31, 2031.

- Investment projects will be eligible if they contribute to on-farm modernization including efficiencies, productivity, and competitiveness; meeting changing requirements for production practices; and supporting the sector in better responding to future market challenges.



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Canadian Hatching Egg Producers
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SM4 communications regarding CPTPP mitigation program roll out

May 31, 2021

On May 31, 2021, details of the Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program (PEFIP) were released, which was outlined by the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau in the April 13, 2021 announcement of new programs to deliver CPTPP mitigation. The PEFIP provides funding for Canada's 4,800 chicken, egg, broiler hatching egg, and turkey farmers to make ongoing improvements to their operations and enhance the long-term efficiency and sustainability of their farms.

This PEFIP announcement comes after recommendations brought forward to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) by the national poultry and egg agencies (SM4). The focus of the poultry and egg sectors was on allowing Canadian farmers to increase their investment in their operations to improve productivity, biosecurity, and sustainability, while better responding to consumer preferences of Canadian-raised poultry and eggs.

\$647 million is available to poultry and egg producers over 10 years:

- Producer allotments are based on quota holdings or shares of provincial production as of January 1, 2021.
- Funding is available over a ten-year period. The program is a ten-year program, which will end March 31, 2031. Producers have until March 31, 2031 to complete project activities. Program applications must be submitted by March 31, 2030.
- Each producer's share is set aside, so funding is available when the producer applies.
- Farmers are encouraged to register now, however, funding will be available and can be submitted over the full ten-year period.

Application Guide:

1. *Producer Registration:* producer should register with the [Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program Online System \(PEFIPOS\)](#) using their license information. Upon validation, producers will see their maximum funding amount to plan their project.
2. *Submit an application:* producers can submit their project application(s) over the ten-year period for their on-farm investments. More information on eligible activities and the project process can be found on the program guide.

Examples of projects include new barn construction or upgrades to equipment such as feeding, watering, lighting, ventilation, heating, and comfort systems.

Eligible project costs are normally shared between the program and the applicant as follows: 70% PEFIP / 30% applicant – however, PEFIP’s share will not exceed the applicant’s maximum funding amount. The program may provide up to 85% of eligible project costs for Young Producer(s) who were 35 years old or younger on January 1, 2021.

Applicants can seek funding for eligible applications that start on or after March 19, 2019.