



INDUSTRY STATISTICS

YTD Hatchability

83.7 %

Average Lay Cycle End

58 weeks

Average Breeder Price

Female: \$10.99

Male: \$15.43

2021 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 58

Premises Completed: 42 / 58

Hatching Egg Tip

Click the link below to find an article outlining proper waterline disinfection.

<https://www.cobb-vantress.com/assets/bulkUpload/f99a5fb906/Proper-Waterline-Disinfection.PDF>

SPIKING MALE TESTING – MANDATORY

A reminder to producers that all spiking males are to be tested before moving between lay houses and within the designated movement timeline. Due to the nature of the testing, this cannot be rushed by the lab. Producers can find more information on the spiking male testing program on the website; producers can contact <https://bcbhec.com/2017/10/20/spiking-male-review-work-action-plan/> or On-Farm staff directly.

PLACEMENT DATE / NUMBER CHANGES

Production staff want to note that increasing placeable hens or changing placement dates remains challenging at this time; most placement changes as a result of quota transactions have to be done at least six months out (currently into May 2022).

CHEP – AMMONIA RESEARCH PROJECT

Please see the attached PDF from CHEP on Ammonia Research. You are encouraged to participate.

COGA SESSIONS – 5 SEATS AVAILABLE

The Centre for Organizational Governance in Agriculture provides professional development and educational programs for directors, officers, management, staff, producers, growers, and interested individuals of agricultural boards, commissions and associations of British Columbia. The Commission is providing 5 seats for Producers on a first-come, first-serve basis. To find out more information please visit www.bccoga.ca. Please contact info@bcbhec.com if you would like to attend.

WEBSITE CLASSIFIEDS

A classifieds section is now available on the Producer's side of the website.

COVID-19 – STEP 3 OF BC RESTART PLAN

On-Farm staff require a minimum of 24 hours notice if you would like to reschedule your appointment.

Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-167	1.757 \$/kg	637.62 ¢/doz	66.33 ¢/chick	85.27 ¢/chick
A-168	1.812 \$/kg	658.11 ¢/doz	68.45 ¢/chick	87.39 ¢/chick
A-169	1.950 \$/kg	685.49 ¢/doz	71.27 ¢/chick	90.21 ¢/chick
A-170	1.951 \$/kg	681.84 ¢/doz	70.90 ¢/chick	89.84 ¢/chick
A-171	1.996 \$/kg	664.91 ¢/doz	69.15 ¢/chick	88.09 ¢/chick
A-172	1.966 \$/kg	644.96 ¢/doz	67.09 ¢/chick	86.03 ¢/chick

Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
A-167	Dec 20, 2020	Feb 13, 2021
A-168	Feb 14, 2021	Apr 10, 2021
A-169	Apr 11, 2021	Jun 05, 2021
A-170	Jun 06, 2021	Jul 31, 2021
A-171	Aug 01, 2021	Sep 25, 2021
A-172	Sep 26, 2021	Nov 20, 2021

Calling all broiler hatching egg producers!

Join your fellow producers to improve on-farm ammonia requirements.

What's the issue?

Ammonia is a top research priority for CHEP as it is an important factor in the barn environment that affects human health and flock health. In the current [Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys](#), measures must be taken if ammonia concentrations reach between 20 and 25 ppm. This requirement was based on scientific evidence available at the time, even though these concentrations may be easily exceeded during cold outdoor temperatures, and it is not always possible for producers to reduce ammonia concentrations below 25 ppm without negatively affecting bird welfare.

The *Code* is up for review in 2021. The *Code* is also expected to be incorporated by reference into the revised federal [Hatchery Regulations](#), which includes broiler breeders. **We need more science to be prepared.**

More Canadian, broiler breeder-specific information is needed to ensure on-farm welfare requirements such as those in the Code are appropriate and reasonable.

What is CHEP doing?

CHEP is funding a research project with Université Laval and the Université de Montréal entitled *Impact of ammonia and dust concentrations on worker and animal health and well-being in Canadian hatching egg production*, which is designed to look at ammonia and dust concentrations as air quality indicators, and the effects on human and bird health. This work is being led by field experts Dr. Caroline Duchaine, Dr. Marie-Lou Gaucher, and Dr. Geneviève Dion.

What am I being asked to do?

Broiler hatching egg producers across Canada are being asked to complete a confidential, online questionnaire on producers' respiratory health and the health of their flocks. The responses will be used to create a current picture of air quality in broiler breeder barns and resulting producer and bird health. The more responses, the better.

How will my personal information be protected?

The project uses the secure REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture) system, which numerically codes participant information. The research team has no way of linking your identity and your responses. **This ensures your personal information always remains confidential.**

Participation is voluntary. You can withdraw at any time, no questions asked.

Project updates will be available regularly. For more information, please visit this project [link](#), or contact your provincial board, or CHEP.

What's in it for me?

Your responses will help improve on-farm ammonia requirements to better reflect Canadian production practices and the measures producers take to maintain a high standard of bird welfare.

To sign up, please contact Kim Robitaille: kim.robitaille.2@ulaval.ca

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