

December 20, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Applicants on Prospective Producer List

Dear Applicant,

**RE: FURTHER UPDATE ON STATUS OF NEW PRODUCER PROGRAM**

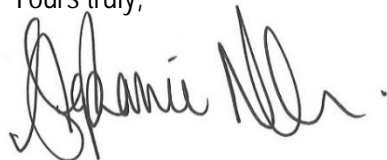
On January 29, 2021, the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission, after consultation with you and the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB), advised that it was suspending its existing New Producer Program (NPP) and freezing the current applicants on the Prospective Producer List pending a full review of the Program. That review will also consider Asian Breeder new entrant and regional new entrant options.

The Commission intended that this review be completed in 2021 as part of a larger Quota Tools Assessment Review (QTAR). However, ongoing issues related to COVID-19 and the BC chicken sector pricing review have affected the Commission's ability to adequately resource this important initiative. Nor have the heat dome and recent flooding helped matters, including in terms of production management.

At its October 25-27, 2021 strategic planning session, the Commission reaffirmed that the QTAR and NPP reviews remain a top priority and must be addressed in 2022. A proposed 2022 timetable is part of the Commission's draft 2022 Strategic Plan that will be distributed to all stakeholders shortly.

In the interim, the NPP program will remain suspended, and the freezing of current applicants will continue.

Yours truly,



Stephanie Nelson  
Executive Director

cc: BC Farm Industry Review Board  
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Association  
Asian Breeder Producers  
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