



**AVIAN INFLUENZA**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

*Update on Avian Influenza in the Fraser Valley*

Please see the attached letter from Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director for more information.

**PRICING**

**Average Breeder Price:**

Female: \$12.70

Male: \$18.12

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-173	1.941 \$/kg	642.22 ¢/doz	66.81 ¢/chick	85.75 ¢/chick
A-174	1.951 \$/kg	651.97 ¢/doz	67.82 ¢/chick	86.76 ¢/chick
A-175	2.063 \$/kg	675.30 ¢/doz	70.23 ¢/chick	89.17 ¢/chick
A-176	2.152 \$/kg	699.13 ¢/doz	72.69 ¢/chick	91.63 ¢/chick

**PRODUCTION**

**Year-To-Date Hatchability:**

83.26%

**Average Lay Cycle End:**

60 Weeks



**2021 Lay Cycle Compensation:**

Please see the attached letter on the review of lay cycles for 2021.

Production Cycles		
Period	Start Date	End Date
A-171	Aug 01, 2021	Sep 25, 2021
A-172	Sep 26, 2021	Nov 20, 2021
A-173	Nov 21, 2021	Jan 15, 2022
A-174	Jan 16, 2022	Mar 12, 2022
A-175	Mar 13, 2022	May 7, 2022
A-176	May 8, 2022	Jul 2, 2022

**Lay Cycle Length:**

Please continue to keep flock fertility up with the extended lay cycle length.

**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 must be done at least six months out (currently into December 2022).

**ON-FARM**

**2022 Audit Stats**

Total Premises to Audit: 54  
 Premises Completed: 12/54

**Hatching Egg Tip**

Click the link below to find a helpful article on cleaning and disinfection for success.

[https://www.cobb-vantress.com/en\\_US/articles/house-hygiene-cleaning-and-disinfection-for-success/](https://www.cobb-vantress.com/en_US/articles/house-hygiene-cleaning-and-disinfection-for-success/)

**Biosecurity Status: RED**

Industry is to function under the red status of biosecurity.

**On-Farm Programs Update**

Due to the **Red Alert** status, all on-farm appointments have been suspended until further notice.

### **Barn Specifications**

The On-Farm Team has sent out producer's individual barn specifications that the Commission has on file. These documents must be kept on file for your audit. It is important to keep these specifications up to date as they may affect placement numbers. If corrections or updates need to be made on your specifications, please contact Kaitlyn ([kaitlyn@bcbhec.com](mailto:kaitlyn@bcbhec.com)).

## **INDUSTRY INFORMATION**

### **2022 Election Results**

The Commission would like to welcome back Beata Kunze to the Board. Beata was elected by acclamation. See the attached letter from the Independent Elections Officer for more information.

### **AgSafe in partnership with Agriculturally-Aware counselors**

They are providing completely free and confidential third-party counseling services for all members of the BC agriculture community affected by the threat of Avian Influenza in BC. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### **Intentions Paper: Proposed changes to the IPM Regulations for sales and use of certain rodenticides**

Please see the attached paper from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

### **Improvements to the Disaster Financial Assistance Program**

Please see the attached document regarding improvements to the Disaster Financial Assistance Program.

### **Health Emergency Management – Telephone Support for BC Poultry Producers**

See the attached document regarding telephone support for poultry producers.

### **Transmountain: Click or Call Before You Dig – Flood Recovery**

See the attached documents from Transmountain regarding pipeline safety. These documents can also be found on the producer side of the website. For more information you can also go to their website

<https://www.transmountain.com/pipeline-safety>



## MEMO

**TO: BC Hatching Egg Producers and other Stakeholders**  
**FROM: Stephanie Nelson**  
**DATE: June 3, 2022**  
**SUBJECT: 2022 AI IN BC UPDATE**

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Good afternoon,

There are some specific things that BC hatching egg producers should be aware of:

1. In consultation with the former CVO and veterinarian consultant for the Commission, Dr. Pritchard, after review of the recent extension order made by BC's CVO, the confirmation of HPAI in the BC wild bird population, and the continuing increase of AI cases across Canada, the movement of spiking males continues to be suspended.

A reminder that a spiking male is a male moved from lay house to lay house, between premises. If the males you plan on moving are housed in a pullet facility, these are not spiking males. They are pullet males. Please see the #2 for how "pullet males" can potentially be moved.

The risk of moving spiking males outweighs the benefits at this time. Therefore, the Commission has linked the suspension of the male spiking program with the Red Biosecurity status. When the BCPA's biosecurity committee, in consultation with a ministry vet, moves the alert down to yellow status, testing and spiking male movement could be re-established. The Commission will consider the risk factors and decide at that point.

At this time, the timeline for the cessation of Red Alert status is not known. At best, it is six weeks away when the final primary control zones are lifted, and if no other zones are put in place. This timeline is unfortunate with the current shortage of hatching eggs across the country and the need to keep fertility high but unavoidable due to the risk.

2. The Commission conducted a separate risk assessment on the movement of "pullet males" between premises in consultation with Dr. Pritchard. The local laboratory can run serology testing again. Therefore, we can receive test results within an appropriate timeframe, and "pullet males" can be moved from a pullet facility between premises subject to a negative AI test taken by Commission Staff. The males are to be transferred within 24 hours of receiving the negative test result.

As the timing can be tight here, any producers considered the movement of pullet males should contact Commission Staff regarding arrangements.

The Commission has received ad hoc requests for male movement. We are confirming a formal process this coming week, in consultation with vets and the BCBHEPA, to deal with future exceptional circumstances requests while managing risk. Producers requiring further info at this time can contact office.

3. Although the Breaker Quality Egg Program will continue (as similar to hatcheries picking up eggs), should producers not feel comfortable with the BQEP on site, you may decide to destroy the eggs and not have the truck attend. Please notify the office if this is your decision.
4. All hatcheries that hatch breeder chicks are in the 10km primary control zone. Any chicks being placed within or outside the zone require a flock health questionnaire on all the flocks currently on your site, prior to the breeder chicks being placed. I have attached the Flock Health Questionnaire, with instructions, to this report for your convenience.

Please keep a very close watch on the health of your flocks and ensure your vet is contacted immediately if you think you have an issue. Most detections across Canada have been made by the daily assessments producers make on their flocks. Keeping the Commission informed of any developments is also critical, and please do not hesitate to contact me with concerns or questions.

Regards,



Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director  
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

June 3, 2022

VIA EMAIL

**RE: LAY CYCLE COMPENSATION FOR 2021**

Dear Hatching Egg Producer,

The Board has completed its review of lay cycles for flocks with processing dates in 2021.

The Board established a compensation threshold (minimum number of weeks) for 2021 and compared it to each Producer's weighted-average for flocks processed in this year. Payment to Producers whose flocks qualified was processed on June 3, 2022.

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

Regards,



Stephanie Nelson  
Executive Director



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May 19, 2022

Mr. Jim Collins, Chair  
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission  
#210 – 1848 McCallum Road  
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Dear Jim,

**RE: 2022 BCBHEC Director Election Results**

The 2022 Election for Members of the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission has concluded. The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission' 2022 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 **Beata Kunze of VB Kunze Farms Ltd.**, elected by acclamation to the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission, for a four-year term commencing June 17, 2022.

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 Naylene Thompson, BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission, Office Administrator  
cc Beata Kunze, VB Kunze Farms Ltd.  
cc Jack Dewit, Chair, BC Council of Marketing Boards



# The threat of Avian Influenza can have a real impact on farmers

Funded by AgSafe & BC Ministry of Agriculture

\*funding options available for other mental wellness counseling services throughout BC

AgSafe in partnership with Agriculturally-Aware counselors is providing completely free and confidential third-party counseling services for all members of the BC agriculture community affected by the threat of Avian Influenza in BC.

## Need Someone to Talk to?

### Group | 1 on 1 | Families | All Age Groups

**Janine Asante**, RMFT

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Available Virtually

## Avail App

Avail is a personal well-being assistant, and can help you monitor changes in your well-being using built-in resilience check-ups.

Through the app, you are also able to connect directly with mental health professionals, and access information and resources related to mental health and wellness.

Available online, the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store

## Account Sign Up

**Avail.app/signup Organization Name: AgSafe BC**

AgSafe has partnered with Avail to provide resources sourced for the BC Agriculture community, please use AgSafe BC as your "Organization Name" when signing up to access these resources.

\*Avail funding by Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF)

### More Resources

**Mental Health Support: 310-6789** (24/7)

**Crisis Line: 1-800-SUICIDE** (24/7)

<https://crisiscentrechat.ca>

[crisislines.bc.ca](http://crisislines.bc.ca)

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis and is **in danger**, please contact **911**.

Non-emergency health and mental health information. **Call: 811**

**AgSafeBC.ca/Mental-Wellness**

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (the ministry) wishes to notify you regarding the launch of an Intentions Paper and to solicit your feedback on proposed changes to the Integrated Pest Management Regulation (IPMR). The purpose of these proposed changes is to prevent wildlife poisonings from exposure to certain rodenticides (rat poison). The Intentions Paper can be viewed by visiting the ["Consultation on changes to pesticide legislation page"](#). The ministry is committed to protecting wildlife by reducing risks from rodenticide use.

Wildlife, primarily owls and other raptors, have been dying due to consuming rodents poisoned by second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs). On July 21, 2021, the minister issued an 18-month Minister's Order banning the sale and use of SGARs in B.C. that contain the active ingredients brodifacoum, bromadiolone or difethialone. While this temporary ban is in place, ministry staff have undertaken several activities to better learn about and reduce risks to wildlife. The proposed changes detailed in the Intentions Paper are based on the learnings from a scientific review, a gap analysis and a jurisdictional scan as well as collaboration with stakeholders.

The ministry is seeking to significantly reduce SGAR use in B.C. to minimize potential exposure to wildlife. In general, most people will no longer be able to acquire or use SGARs unless they are for the purposes of maintaining Essential Services (including agricultural operators). Additional requirements will also be placed on authorized users choosing to use SGARs. Please see the Intentions Paper for detailed information on the proposed changes.

Comments on the proposed changes of the IPMR will be received until June 19, 2022. Details of how to submit feedback are located at the end of the Intentions Paper. The ministry will also be hosting a series of webinars for specific audiences between May 10 and May 17 explaining the proposed changes; please visit the ["Consultation on changes to pesticide legislation page"](#) for registration instructions. A pre-recorded presentation containing the same information that will be presented during live webinars is also available on this website.

Comments received will be treated with confidentiality by ministry staff and contractors when compiling consultation comments. However, please note that comments you provide and information that identifies you as the source of those comments may be publicly available if a *Freedom of Information request is made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Following the public consultation period on the Intentions Paper, the ministry will carefully consider all comments when finalizing the policy direction. The ministry will confirm the final direction for amending the IPMR in summer 2022 and anticipates amendments to the IPMR will come into effect in January 2023 to align with the expiry of the [Minister's Order](#). Staff will engage affected parties in fall 2022 to assist in transition to the new requirements including producing a series of support documents.

Ministry staff continue to conduct compliance inspections of SGAR vendors and users to ensure that these products are being used according to the Minister's Order, which remains in effect until January 20, 2023. Questions about the consultation process, how the ministry is mitigating risks to wildlife or how rodenticides are currently regulated in B.C. can be submitted to [BC.IPM@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BC.IPM@gov.bc.ca).

If you are receiving this communication as an association contact, please distribute this correspondence to your members as appropriate. You are also encouraged to forward this information to others who you feel may wish to comment on the proposed changes within the Intentions Paper.

Yours Truly,

**Christa Zacharias-Homer**  
Director, Environmental Standards Branch  
Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy



## Improvements to the Disaster Financial Assistance Program

Please circulate to your members and/or partners.

We wanted to keep you informed that the BC Government has recently announced significant modifications to British Columbia's Disaster Financial Assistance Program. These modifications affect individuals, small businesses, and charitable organizations.

Highlights include:

- **Eligibility for corporation-owned properties** - For homes owned by corporations, the new changes will allow people to apply for Disaster Financial Assistance if they have a defined connection to the corporation and use the home as a primary residence.
- **Expanding eligibility based on minimum income** - To further expand eligibility, the new regulations include a new requirement that a small business must have at least \$10,000 per year in revenue to qualify.
- **Increasing maximum annual revenue for small businesses** - Raising the maximum annual revenue threshold for all small businesses from \$1 million to \$2 million. This will allow more businesses to qualify for Disaster Financial Assistance.

As of April 28, 2022, the Disaster Financial Assistance Program will re-open applications to the program until July 27, 2022. This will give individuals, small businesses, and charitable organizations the opportunity to apply for assistance under the new eligibility requirements.

For further information on these changes please visit the Disaster Financial Assistance Program webpage:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/evacuation-recovery/disaster-financial-assistance>

Disaster Financial Assistance can be reached at 1-888-257-4777 (toll-free) or by email at [DFA@gov.bc.ca](mailto:DFA@gov.bc.ca)

BC Government News press release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/26713>

## REQUESTING TELEPHONE SUPPORT

### WANT TO TALK TO SOMEONE?

It is normal to feel stressed and even overwhelmed when faced with a difficult situation. Many people find that it can be helpful to speak to someone who understands what they are going through. This can help people feel calmer and think of different ways to deal with the situation.

### HOW DOES THIS WORK?

It's simple to make this request.

- Call 1-888-686-3022 or email [MRT@phsa.ca](mailto:MRT@phsa.ca) and request a telephone support call.
- Please explain that you are someone who has been affected by the fires or evacuated.
- Provide a number where you can be reached.
- If you cannot be reached, a brief message will be left and a call to you will be made later. If you do not want a message left, please state this when you make your request.

### WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A CALL

This is a free telephone call to speak with someone about how you are feeling and things that you might do to deal with the situation and how you are feeling.

The call will be confidential and the person who speaks with you will not keep notes on your conversation. There will be no record of your name or contact details.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is not a regular service and is only temporarily 'activated' to provide psychosocial support to individuals affected by the wildfires and evacuations

### EMERGENCY CARE AND CRISIS SITUATION

If you feel that you need to speak to someone immediately, please call the Crisis Centre at 1-800-784-2433 or the Senior's Distress Line at 604-872-1234.

April 7, 2022

**RE: Click or Call Before You Dig – Flood Recovery**

Greetings,

**You are receiving this package because Trans Mountain operates a petroleum pipeline in communities impacted by BC floods in November 2021. Please take a few moments to review the information enclosed and share with others who are involved in flood recovery.**

Safety is our number one priority, and we've implemented a mature suite of programs to protect the safety of the public, the environment and our employees.

Heavy rain events in November 2021 created new hazards for buried infrastructure, and it is important that farmers and workers remember to **Click or Call Before You Dig** before engaging in ground disturbance activities, including activities associated with flood recovery. Some utilities may be located just centimetres below the surface, so placing a locate request to identify any underground infrastructure should always be the first step.

One Call is a free service. When a locate request is made through your local One Call centre, a ticket is assigned and member companies who may have buried infrastructure in the area, including Trans Mountain, are informed.

For more information about pipeline safety and BC 1 Call, please visit:

- Trans Mountain's website at [www.transmountain.com/pipeline-safety](http://www.transmountain.com/pipeline-safety)
- BC 1 Call website at [www.bc1c.ca](http://www.bc1c.ca)

You can also contact us at 1.866.514.6700 or [info@transmountain.com](mailto:info@transmountain.com).

As Canada's only pipeline system transporting oil products to the West Coast, the Trans Mountain Pipeline is a critical piece of infrastructure for British Columbia and Washington State. We are proud to continue to provide safe and reliable energy transportation, as we have for nearly 70 years.

Sincerely,



Natalie Loban  
Public Awareness Advisor  
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Enclosures:

- Living Near Pipelines brochure
- Working Near Pipelines brochure
- 2022 Spring Farming Notice
- BC 1 Call brochure
- CER Living and Working Near Pipelines brochure
- Custom designed notepad



**TRANSMOUNTAIN**

# Farming Safety Along the Pipeline

Spring 2022



As spring arrives and you begin to prepare your fields for annual crop planting, we want to remind you that our Trans Mountain Pipeline operates in your area.

Normal farming activities at a depth of less than 45 centimetres generally do not require you to notify Trans Mountain in advance. Examples of these activities include disking, plowing, seeding, harvesting and pasturing.

If the activity results in the reduction of the current depth of earth cover over the pipe, it is considered ground disturbance, and requires a notification to Trans Mountain because it may impact the pipeline. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Heavy equipment crossings
- Ditch clearing
- Deep plowing
- Sub-soiling
- Tilling
- Trenching
- Terracing
- Installing a fence or drain tile

If you plan on farming at a depth of greater than 45 centimetres or are planning to conduct any of the listed activities, please notify us by contacting your local One Call centre at least three days prior to starting the work.

Our local Pipeline Protection Technician will come out and mark the line, explain the markings and remain on-site for any work within 7.5 metres of the pipeline.

If you are concerned about shallow soil covering overtop of the pipeline or are changing the use of your land, please contact us before starting any farming activities so we can verify the depth of cover over the pipeline.

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility. Please share this information with anyone who lives on or farms your land.

If you have any questions, contact our Land department at [landowners@transmountain.com](mailto:landowners@transmountain.com).

Damage prevention is a **SHARED** responsibility

**CALL** or

**Click Before You Dig.com**

**BC 1 Call**  
**1.800.474.6886**

**Utility Safety Partners**  
**1.800.242.3447**  
(Former Alberta One-Call)



**In case of a pipeline emergency or to report odours, call 24 hours: 1.888.876.6711**

## FLOOD recovery

Floods and mudslides that affected many areas in British Columbia and Washington state last year created new hazards for underground infrastructure.

If your area was affected by flooding and you need to conduct recovery activities involving ground disturbance, such as trenching, ditch digging or cleaning, debris removal and disposal, or off-road equipment access, please remember to contact your local One Call before engaging in any recovery efforts.

Placing a One Call is free and will help prevent personal injury, avoid damages to critical infrastructure, as well as to your property, and most importantly, keep you and your community safe.

British Columbia: **BC 1 Call**

1.800.474.6886

Alberta: **Utility Safety Partners\***

1.800.242.3447

\* The former Alberta One-Call, Alberta Common Ground Alliance and the Joint Utility Safety Team have united under one name: Utility Safety Partners.

For more information, visit [utilitiesafety.ca](http://utilitiesafety.ca).



## EXAMPLES OF RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

- Digging up new drainage ditches
- Cleaning up existing drainage ditches
- Off-road use of heavy equipment and off-road vehicle access
- Dewatering saturated areas or standing water locations
- Trenching, excavation, roadwork, earthwork
- Property cleanup activities, such as debris removal or disposal of animal carcasses
- Repairing or building new facilities to replace lost facilities (e.g., decks, houses, sheds, blueberry crop posts, fences, barns, irrigation facilities, etc.)
- Buried infrastructure repairs/replacement (i.e., water, sewer, irrigation or service lines)