



## PRICING

### Average Breeder Price:

Female: \$12.70

Male: \$18.12



Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-177	2.218 \$/kg	706.08 ¢/doz	73.41 ¢/chick	92.35 ¢/chick
A-178	2.254 \$/kg	706.92 ¢/doz	73.49 ¢/chick	92.43 ¢/chick

## PRODUCTION

### Year-To-Date Hatchability:

82.93%

### Average Lay Cycle End:

60+ Weeks

### Lay Cycle Length:

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

Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-177	Jul 3, 2022	Aug 27, 2022
A-178	Aug 28, 2022	Oct 22, 2022

### 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 March 2023).

## ON-FARM

### 2022 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54

Premises Completed: 20/54

### Hatching Egg Tip

Click [here](#) to find a helpful poster on managing bird welfare

### Biosecurity Status: YELLOW

Industry is to function under the **yellow** status of biosecurity.

Given the continued outbreaks in Alberta (August 23, 2022) and the emerging cases in the United States. In addition, HPAI was detected in a Canada Goose from Mill Lake a few weeks ago. (September 1, 2022)

### On-Farm Programs Update:

See the attached memo from the on-farm team for an update on the on-farm programs.

### Barn Specifications:

Please ensure Commission On-farm staff are aware of any barn specification changes made to your premise, including new barns. These numbers may impact your 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

### Save the Date – Producer Meeting:

The Commission will be hosting an in-person Producer Meeting at the office (#210 – 1848 McCallum Road, Abbotsford) on **September 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm**. Please register with Naylene ([naylene@bcbhec.com](mailto:naylene@bcbhec.com) or 604-850-1854).

### The Century Farm Award – The Donaldson Family:

Follow this [link](#) to read about the Donaldson Family being honoured for more than 100 years of farming.

### Save the Date – Salmonella Enteritidis Mitigation Webinar:

Mark your calendars for a Salmonella Enteritidis Mitigation webinar hosted by the Commission on **November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 pm**. Veterinarians, Lindsay Kehler and Gigi Lin will be speaking on SE Mitigation on-farm. Stay tuned for more information.

### New Chief Veterinarian of B.C. Appointed:

Theresa Burns has been appointed British Columbia's new chief veterinarian.

Burns holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with distinction from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. She also has a Master of Science in animal reproduction as well as a doctorate in epidemiology (the introduction, spread and control of diseases).

Over her career, Burns has worked as a front-line veterinary practitioner providing care for pets and farm animals, as well as a consultant specializing in veterinary epidemiology, surveillance, and One Health, which is an approach that combines factors contributing to animal, human and environmental health.

Burns' consultant experience has helped her develop a strong knowledge of regulated animal and zoonotic diseases, as well as diagnostic animal health laboratory processes and services. Her role as a veterinarian has provided her with a hands-on and foundational understanding of the challenges and opportunities practitioners face in providing animal care.

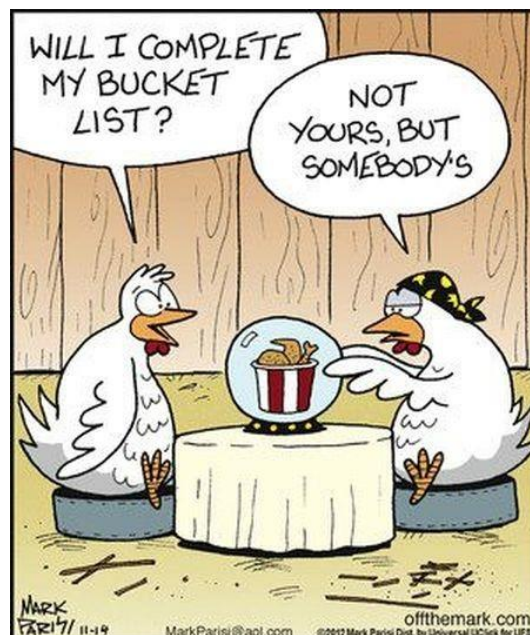
The chief veterinarian supports the sustainability of animal agriculture in B.C. through the development and implementation of sound livestock health and regulatory management policies. Burns will begin her role on Sept. 6, 2022, at the Ministry of Agriculture and Foods' Plant and Animal Health Centre in Abbotsford.

### Don't Let Your Guard Down... AI Isn't Over:

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) was detected in four wild birds in BC between August 1 and 21. It is extremely rare for HPAI detections to occur in the summer, so these detections are very concerning.

In addition to finding HPAI in wild birds, Alberta had another commercial farm test positive on August 23 and Quebec had one on August 3. California is currently experiencing its first commercial HPAI outbreak of the year on a broiler breeder farm and Europe has had many outbreaks despite their unusually hot summer.

All producers/growers are reminded that HPAI is still circulating in the environment, and we must maintain our vigilance when it comes to biosecurity.



## MEMO

**TO:** BCBHEC Producers  
**FROM:** On-Farm Team  
**DATE:** September 2, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** On-Farm Program Update

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The BCPA has approved the Biosecurity move to Yellow Alert. With this change, the Commission On-Farm department programs will be up and running again.

We would like to assure you that our team is taking biosecurity very seriously. All staff follow strict biosecurity protocols inclusive of coveralls, booties, gloves, hairnets, and masks if necessary. We attend no more than one lay barn RAZ (restricted access zone) per day and always work in zones from clean to dirty.

Our on-farm programs such as audits, spiking male testing, salmonella enteritidis testing, and pullet placements are either currently operational or in the process of resuming operations in the coming weeks. We will begin booking end of lay testing in September.

The Animal Care Program manual was reviewed and approved in November of 2021 by CHEP. These manual changes came into effect on July 31, 2022. You received an email regarding these changes recently. Please refer to this email for specific document revisions. The updated program documents are also on the producer's side of the website.

The long-awaited "ABC Records Binder" has been printed and distribution has begun. This binder is a tool for you to use to maintain farm records and program documents for your audit. The goal of this binder is to create an organized place for producers to keep their paperwork and in turn, audits can run smoother. This binder's use is not mandatory. If you wish to use some other method to organize your records, you are welcome to do so. Please return the binder to the office if you do not wish to use it.

If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlyn ([kaitlyn@bcbhec.com](mailto:kaitlyn@bcbhec.com)) in the office.

Regards,

The On-Farm Team  
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission