### BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

# **DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**



### **AVIAN INFLUENZA**

### **British Columbia**

### **Emergency Operations Centre Information Website:**

All resources, templates, and information in one place for the current <u>Avian Influenza</u> outbreak.

#### Flock Health Attestations

If you need assistance completing your Flock Health Attestations, please contact Emma Lewis (604-850-1854 ext. 108 or 604-302-2323) she will be happy to assist you.

### **PRICING**

### **Average Breeder Price:**

Female: \$11.59 Male: \$16.31



Pricing Orders					
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks	
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	
A-179	2.262 \$/kg	687.58 ¢/doz	71.62 ¢/chick	93.56 ¢/chick	

## **PRODUCTION**

## **Year-To-Date Hatchability:**

82.98%

# **Average Lay Cycle End:**

60+ Weeks

# Lay Cycle Length:

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

Production Cycles					
Period	Start Date	End Date			
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			
A-179	Oct 23, 2022	Dec 17, 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 June 2023).



### **ON-FARM**

#### 2022 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54 Premises Completed: 42/54

### **Hatching Egg Tip**

Click <u>here</u> to read an important article on Controlling Late Egg Weight in Broiler Breeders.

### **Biosecurity Status: RED**

Industry is to function under the red status of biosecurity.

### **Breaker Quality Egg Program – Suspended:**

The BQEP program is suspended until further notice due to the current Avian Influenza crisis. As a part of that suspension, we are no longer compensating for breaker-quality eggs; they will need to be disposed of by producers.

### **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).

### **INDUSTRY INFORMATION**

### **Integrated Pest Management News Release and Policy Update:**

The Ministry of Environment is intending to proceed with the proposed regulatory amendments to the IPM Regulation as outlined in the <u>Intentions Paper</u> with no significant changes. These amendments to the IPMR Regulation are anticipated to come into effect on **January 21, 2023.** 

- Agricultural producers will have options for continued of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARS) which contain the active ingredients Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, or Difethialone.
  - Agricultural producers can hire a service company to apply SGARs for them, apply SGARs themselves under the new rules, switch to other rodenticides, or manage rodents with alternative control methods.
- As of January 21, 2023, agricultural operators who wish to continue to purchase and use SGARs themselves will be subject to these new rules. They will:
  - Need have at least 1 certified pesticide applicator on staff who is certified in any of the three categories: Agriculture – Field Crop and Orchard, Agriculture – Greenhouse or Rodent Management in Agriculture;
  - Need to obtain a pesticide use licence;
  - Be required to dispose of SGARs and poisoned rodents safely;
  - Be required to adopt IPM when managing rodents and will be subject increased IPM requirements; and
  - Not be permitted to use SGARS for preventative or long-term baiting.
- Information on the new regulations will be available soon at: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/pesticides-pest-management/legislation-consultation/15570">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/pesticides-pest-management/legislation-consultation/15570</a>
- Questions about the new SGAR requirements can be submitted to BC.IPM@gov.bc.ca.

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