



AVIAN INFLUENZA

British Columbia

Emergency Operations Centre Information Website:

All resources, templates, and information in one place for the current [Avian Influenza](#) outbreak.

Flock Health Attestations

If you need assistance completing your Flock Health Attestations, please contact Kaitlyn Loewen kaitlyn@bcbhec.com, 604-850-1854 ext. 106 or 604-309-4601.

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-180	2.280 \$/kg	697.91 ¢/doz	72.70 ¢/chick	94.64 ¢/chick



PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

82.82%

Average Lay Cycle End:

60 Weeks

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 August 2023).

Production Cycles		
Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-180	Dec 18, 2022	Feb 11, 2023

ON-FARM

2022 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54
Premises Completed: 51/54

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 52
Premises Completed: 3/52

Hatching Egg Tip

Click [here](#) to find read an article concerning breeder leg health.

Biosecurity Status: RED

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

Breaker Quality Egg Program – Update:

Due to the longevity of the current HPAI outbreak and the slowdown of infected premises, the Breaker Quality Egg Program (BQEP) will resume with some red alert adaptations.

Producers need to notify Barry and Kaitlyn of their request to be on a pick-up schedule, as permits need to be completed to attend farms in Primary Control Zones. Permits can take 24 – 48 hours to process.

There will be no slop bucket pick-ups to avoid contamination of the truck and driver.

The driver will disinfectant spray his boots or use a provided foot bath and will not use plastic boots. However, if additional PPE is provided, he will use it.

The truck has spray-on-and-off capabilities that will be used at your gate. In addition, the truck will be sanitized at the end of each day.

We will resume next week with the producers, who have advised via email that they would like Barry to attend their premises and pick-up their small eggs.

Barry and Kaitlyn will ensure you are aware of your pick up day in advance.

Don't hesitate to contact Stephanie (stephanie@bcbhec.com) directly with any questions or concerns.

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

BCBHEC Staff Departure – On-Farm Program Technician:

Emma Lewis is no longer with the Commission as of February 3, 2023. We would like to thank Emma Lewis for her years with the Commission. It has been a pleasure and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

2021 Producer of the Year:

Congratulations to the 2021 Producer of the Year: Andy and Cindy VanderVeen of Misty Acres Poultry Ltd.!

Notice of Annual General Meeting:

Please see the attached flyer for more information regarding the Commission's Annual General Meeting.

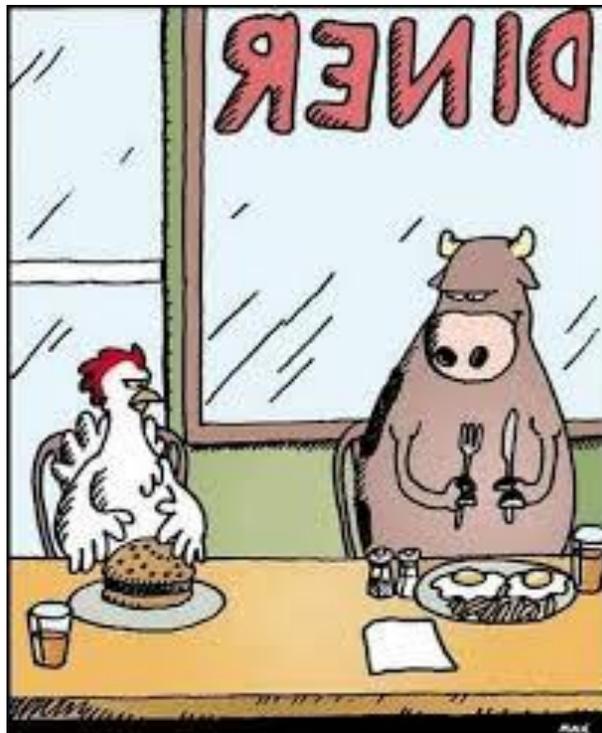
Stronger Together – Stories of resilience from those affected by the 2021 Sumas Prairie Floods:

AgSafe released a new video about the struggles and recovery of a BC community devastated by floods. Click [here](#) to view the video. See the attached flyer for more information.

2023 BC Poultry Conference – Registration:

Registration is now open for the 2023 BC Poultry Conference. Follow this [link](#) to register.

There are conference sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Stephanie Nelson at stephanie@bcbhec.com if you would like to discuss an opportunity.



BC BROILER HATCHING
EGG COMMISSION

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Friday, March 3, 2023
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

BC Poultry Conference
Port Alberni Room

You do not need to register for the
conference to participate in the AGM

Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre
1088 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC

<https://www.bcpoultryconference.ca/>



MEDIA RELEASE

Stronger Together: Stories of resilience from those affected by the 2021 Sumas Prairie floods

AgSafe releases new video about the struggles and recovery of a British Columbia community devastated by floods.

Langley, BC / January 30, 2023 – Today AgSafe released *Stronger Together* on their [YouTube channel](#). *Stronger Together* is a mini-documentary about British Columbia's Sumas Prairie farmers affected by the flooding that devastated many of the region's agricultural operations in November 2021.

The video is part of AgSafe's larger [Mental Wellness in Agriculture](#) initiative that encourages producers to reach out for help and offers mental wellness resources for the agricultural community.

The stories in *Stronger Together* are real and touching first-hand accounts of the psychological toll the floods and recovery have taken on many farmers and their families.

The video as a whole is a powerful look at how the people in one community have come together to support each other through a laborious, financial and mentally taxing recovery process. The stories and sharing of emotion are powerful and honest.

Premiering last week at the [Pacific Agricultural Show](#), B.C.'s largest agricultural industry trade event, *Stronger Together* was produced with the support of the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Foods, Canadian Agricultural Partnership, and the Government of Canada.

On November 14, 2021, farmers, ranchers and growers in the Fraser Valley, Nicola Valley and Princeton experienced what would become one of the most devastatingly destructive events of nature to hit British Columbia's

agriculture industry. It would take many producers more than a year to even begin to recover.

The toll on agricultural producers' mental health, and on the agricultural community at large, resulting from the many extreme weather events has been immeasurable. The 2021 floods significantly compounded the existing mental health crisis that the agriculture industry has been living with, and working to address for several years.

AgSafe encourages those in B.C.'s agriculture industry dealing with mental wellness challenges to reach out for help. Confidential resources are available on the organization's website, www.AgSafeBC.ca/mental-wellness.

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Quotes:

Wendy Bennett, AgSafe Executive Director -

"There is already a mental health crisis in Canada's agricultural community. Events like wildfires, heat domes and floods only add to the crisis. With *Stronger Together*, we celebrate the resilience and support that is ever-present among B.C.'s agricultural producers and show the reality of how very challenging farming and farm life can be."

Facts and Findings:

In 2021 (during COVID-19), Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton and her colleagues at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph conducted a second [survey](#) of farmers in Canada and found nationally:

- 20% met the classification for moderate to severe depressive disorders with 1:4 thinking of taking their own life
- 76% classified as experiencing perceived moderate or high stress
- 20% met the classification for moderate to severe anxiety disorders
- Farmers surveyed had significantly higher alcohol consumption than general public and a majority reported an increase in consumption since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic

About Canadian Agricultural Partnership:

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year \$3-billion commitment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen and grow Canada's agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes a \$2-billion commitment that is cost-shared 60% federally and 40% provincially/territorially for programs designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

About AgSafe:

AgSafe is the non-profit health and safety association for agricultural producers in British Columbia. AgSafe provides site-specific consultation and on-site safety education, as well as online workplace safety resources and materials. AgSafe is also the [COR Certifying Partner](#) for B.C.'s agricultural and associated industries and offers a [Certificate of Recognition \(COR\) program](#) for large and small employers. For more information about AgSafe services or agriculture-related workplace health and safety call 1-877-533-1789 or visit www.AgSafeBC.ca.

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