

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

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AVIAN INFLUENZA

British Columbia

Emergency Operations Centre Information Website:

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

Primary Control Zone Changes:

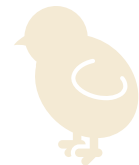
CFIA has transitioned all PCZs within the Fraser Valley to Security Zones. This means general permits are required for movements off-farm. FHAs and movement testing are no longer required. Scheduled DBS is no longer required. Commission staff are completing and submitting all permits.

CFIA will be contacting you to schedule a one-time sampling event. This sampling is a requirement to revoke the zones fully.

If you have questions, please contact Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com).

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-181	2.259 \$/kg	711.07 ¢/doz	74.07 ¢/chick	96.07 ¢/chick



PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

82.69%

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 September 2023).

Production Cycles		
Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-181	Feb 12, 2023	Apr 8, 2023

ON-FARM

2022 Audit Stats

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

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 52
Premises Completed: 7/52

Hatching Egg Tip

This [article](#) highlights how to control late egg weight in broiler breeders.

Biosecurity Status: RED

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

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).

New Government Requirements for Rodenticide Purchasing and Application:

Please see attached PDF for information on how to purchase and administer Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides.

INDUSTRY INFORMATION

2022 BCBHEC Annual Report:

Click [here](#) to view the 2022 BCBHEC Annual Report.

BMO: Foreign Exchange Forecast Session:

BMO is hosting a virtual Foreign Exchange Forecast session on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 11:00 am. If you are interested in participating, please contact Krystine Mirza at krystine.mirza@bmo.com to register for the session.



New Government Requirements for: Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides

Definition:

Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides: Rodenticides containing active ingredients - Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, or Difethialone.

To purchase and administer Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs), the requirements are obtaining:

1. Pesticide Applicator Certificate
2. Pesticide User Non-Service Licence

Note: A pesticide applicator certificate must be obtained before applying for a pesticide user non-service license.

Course Options for Pesticide Applicator Certificate:

Pesticide Applicator Certification can be obtained in any of the three categories:

1. Agriculture- General (Field Crop and Orchard Production)
Course: https://www.crownpub.bc.ca/Product/Details/7610821034_S#/?statesave=true
Textbook: https://www.crownpub.bc.ca/Product/Details/7610821034_S#/?statesave=true
2. Agriculture- General (Greenhouse Production)
Course: https://www.crownpub.bc.ca/Product/Details/7610821034_S#/?statesave=true
Textbook: https://www.crownpub.bc.ca/Product/Details/7610821034_S#/?statesave=true
3. Rodent Management in Agriculture – **Unless you are previously certified for one of the above certificates, we recommend this certification.**
Course: https://www.crownpub.bc.ca/Product/Details/7680003630_S#/?statesave=true
Textbook: https://www.crownpub.bc.ca/Product/Details/7680003630_S#/?statesave=true

Certificate Exam:

- All three course options require a three-hour, open book, written exam.
- Exam cost: \$90.00.
- To arrange writing the exam, contact Service BC 1-866-205-2102.

Exam mark stipulations:

Exam Mark	Certification Term
75% and above	5 years
60% - 74%	1 year
59% and below	No certification

Recertification:

There are two options for recertification:

1. Recertification by exam – see above for exam information.
2. Recertify by CECs (Continuing Education Credits).
 - a. To be recertified using this process, you must obtain 20 CECs over your five-year certificate.
 - b. Recertification credits for Agriculture Pesticide Applicator Certificates are managed by the following private industry associations:

BC Fruit Growers Association

Phone: 250-762-2556

Email: info@bcfga.com

BC Wine Grape Council

Phone: 250-809-7107

Email: info@bcwgc.org

Lower Mainland Horticultural Improvement Association

Phone: 604-857-0318

Email: growers@agricultreshow.net

Note: Recertification by CECs is only available for:

- *Agriculture Field Crop and Orchard Certification (5 year)*
- *Agriculture – Greenhouse Production Certification (5 year)*

Pesticide User Non-Service Licence:

No exam is required to apply for this licence.

The cost of the licence is \$250.00.

The licence is valid for 1 year.

To apply for a pesticide licence, an applicant will need:

- A valid Pesticide Applicator Certificate or employ a person with a Pesticide Applicator Certificate, in the appropriate category.
- A completed Pesticide Licence Application:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/pesticides-and-pest-management/pesticide-use/forms/licence_application.pdf

Completed applications and payment can be dropped off in person at the nearest Service BC Centre or emailed to applications.sbc@gov.bc.ca.