

INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Producer Coffee Meetings:

The Commission is looking forward to hosting Coffee Meetings on the afternoons of **Tuesday, July 18, 2023**, and **Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 1:00 pm**. Please register for the session you would like to attend with Naylene (naylene@bcbehec.com).

Limited seats for each session.

Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition – Whole Genome Sequencing Virtual Workshop:

The Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition (CSCFSC) Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) virtual workshop is planned for **September 21, 2023**. A draft agenda is attached.

A number of speakers have been confirmed, including Dr. Nikki Shariat from the University of Georgia, who will speak on next-generation sequencing in poultry, deep serotyping, and implications for *Salmonella* control and autogenous vaccines.

Please mark your calendars – more information and registration details will be circulated when they are available. Please note that the workshop will be in English.

Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program Announcement:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food announced a \$20 million Agricultural Water Infrastructure Program to help B.C.’s agricultural sector improve water management and water supply for crops and livestock water, enhancing water security and food security. The program opened on, June 27, 2023, for applications. Applications will be accepted on a continual basis until funding is fully committed. The first review date for applications will be July 31, 2023, at 4:30pm.

The Agricultural Water Infrastructure (AWI) Program will designate \$20 million for projects, such as dam rehabilitation, water storage and water supply systems, and water supply assessments and plans. Up to \$2 million will be allocated to support individual farm projects through the Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) program that will be launched in July.

Both AWI and BMP programs are delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) of BC. Please refer to the announcement [Water-management program turns on taps for more B.C. farms | BC Gov News](#)

8th Annual Chicken Charity Golf Tournament Results are in:

2023 8th Annual Chicken Charity Golf Tournament Results are In!

The 2023 tournament raised **\$89 165 .00**

All funds raised were donated to the Food Bank Starfish Program and Cyrus Center.

Thank you to all the participants and sponsors.
 See you next year.

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-182	2.293 \$/kg	709.27 ¢/doz	73.88 ¢/chick	95.88 ¢/chick
A-183	2.267 \$/kg	692.78 ¢/doz	72.16 ¢/chick	94.16 ¢/chick

PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

81.95%

Average Lay Cycle End:

63 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 December 2023).

Production Cycles		
Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-182	Apr 9, 2023	Jun 3, 2023
A-183	Jun 4, 2023	Jul 29, 2023

ON-FARM

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 52
Premises Completed: 16/52

Hatching Egg Tip

[Here](#) is a helpful poster on Nipple Drinker Guidelines.

Biosecurity Status: YELLOW

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

HPAI PCZ 189:

As of June 28, PCZ 189 has been released to a Security Zone. This means that all permits have transitioned to General Permits. Commission staff continue to create and submit these permits for ship-outs, placements, and egg pick-ups. Please contact Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) if you have questions.

Spiking Male Testing Update:

With the transition to Biosecurity Status Yellow, and PCZ 189's release to a Security Zone, the Spiking Male Program returns to standard testing and movement protocols. Please contact the On-Farm department in the office if you wish to book Spiking Male Testing.

Barn Specifications Update:

The BCBHEC must maintain current barn specifications for all broiler breeder and pullet barns in accordance with the Animal Care Program. Major specification updates occur every 3-4 years at the discretion of the Executive Director. Our last update concluded in 2020. On-farm staff are currently working to update our files with the most accurate information in an effort to maximize utilization for each producer.

Hatchery Tour:

Left to right: Kaitlyn Loewen (On-Farm Program Coordinator), Jenny Goertz (Accountant), Amy Keller (On-Farm Program Technician), Mariah Schuurman (Production Coordinator), Riesa Kyne (On-Farm Program Technician)



Heightened Biosecurity “Yellow”

These measures are in addition to your “Green” biosecurity procedures¹ and should be applied when there is a heightened disease risk or other threats in your region within BC.

Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)

- CAZ barrier should be closed at all times
- Restrict CAZ access to all unnecessary vehicles
- Establish a parking area outside of your CAZ
- Implement an “Essential Visitors Only” policy
- Avoid contact with all other avian (bird) and porcine (swine) species
- Avoid contact with all other poultry operations
- No mortalities and cull eggs to leave premise except on recommendation of a governing body (i.e. board/commission, veterinary, CFIA etc.)

Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Keep doors locked at all times when the building is not occupied by personnel
- Closely monitor flock health for decreased feed and water intake, increased mortality, and unusual behaviour. Report any of the above to your Veterinarian and commodity board
- Clean and disinfect traffic area and access points after each egg pick up
- Minimize contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

Equipment

- All equipment and materials related to the production of poultry that enter or leave the CAZ, regardless of size or use, must be clean and disinfected

¹ These are not all of the BC Biosecurity Program requirements; please refer to your producer manual for more information. Note if your commodity’s On-Farm Food Safety Program requires more stringent biosecurity measures please follow them instead. The measures above are minimum requirements.