

INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Q and A on Vaccination for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI):

To read the Q and A regarding HPAI vaccination click [here](#).

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 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.

Veterinary Services for Food Animal Producers:

We are encouraging food animal producers to participate in a survey to help the Ministry make informed choices that deliver needed results. Information about the survey will also be shared in the August Agri-Service BC, e-bulletin.

The survey will take about 10 to 12 minutes to complete and is open to all food animal producers in the province. Results will be analyzed and combined with other information (veterinarian interview, reports) and reported in aggregate to preserve anonymity. A link to the survey can be found [here](#). We thank you for your participation.

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-184	2.220 \$/kg	707.32 ¢/doz	73.68 ¢/chick	95.68 ¢/chick



PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

81.43%



Average Lay Cycle End:

62.5 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-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
A-184	Jul 30, 2023	Sep 23, 2023

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, because of quota transactions, must be done at least six months out (currently into January 2024).

STAFFING UPDATE

BCBHEC Staff Departure – Production Coordinator:

Mariah Schuurman will no longer be with the Commission as of August 4, 2023. We would like to thank Mariah for her years of hard work and commitment to the Commission. It has been a pleasure and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

ON-FARM

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 53
Premises Completed: 23/53

Hatching Egg Tip

[Here](#) is an interesting article on feeding diluted diets to broiler breeder pullets.

Biosecurity Status: YELLOW

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

HPAI PCZ 189:

As of July 14, PCZ 189 has been revoked. The province currently has no active PCZs established.

On-Farm Update:

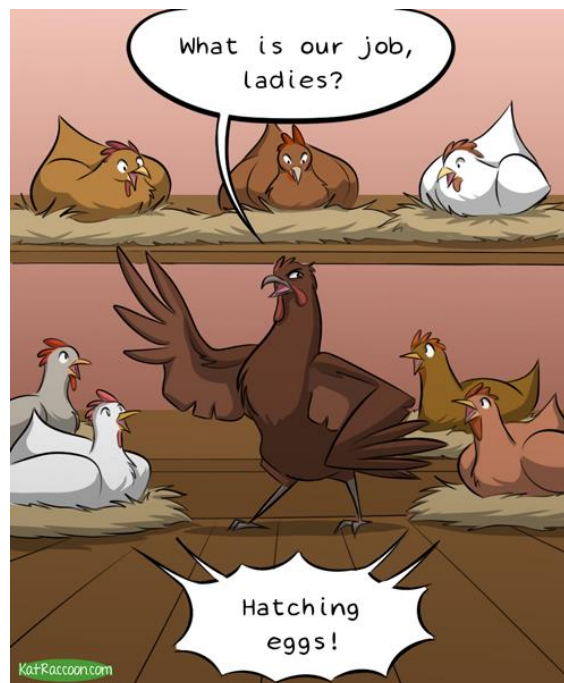
All on-farm appointments have been reinstated. This is inclusive of: Spiking Male Testing, SE Testing, Placements, and Barn Specification appointments. Staff assures biosecurity is being taken very seriously. Strict biosecurity protocols consist of coveralls and booties, gloves, hairnets, and masks if necessary.

Producer ACP Update Memo:

On July 19, a memo was sent out providing valuable information regarding your maximum quota utilization. Please review the documents that were circulated as they have important information on your sites. Please contact Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) if you have any questions regarding your specifications.

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 to maximize utilization for each producer.



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.