

INDUSTRY INFORMATION

WorkSafe BC:

WorkSafeBC urges employers in Southern Interior to protect workers from smoke exposure. Please click [here](#) to read more.

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.

PRICING

| Pricing Orders | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Period | Live Chicken | Hatching Eggs | Saleable Chicks | Day-Old Broiler Chicks |
| 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:

81.41%



Average Lay Cycle End:

62.0 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-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 March 2024).



ON-FARM

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 53
Premises Completed: 25/53

Hatching Egg Tip

[Here](#) is an informational article on Infectious Diseases and Metabolic Syndromes Impacting Broiler Breeders.

Biosecurity Status: YELLOW

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

Industry HPAI Update:

There have been no new cases of HPAI reported in BC since April. However, there were two high-risk calls to the CFIA's sick bird line that proved negative. The CFIA sick bird line is available at 403.338.5225 and should be the first call made if you suspect your flock has AI. It will remain in operation until mid-fall.

In a significant step towards Canada regaining its AI-free status, the last PCZ in Canada was released on August 17th. In order to be recognized as "AI-free," all Infected Premises (IPs) must have completed their C&D or 120-day fallow periods. CFIA must also submit a summary report to WOAHP before the outbreak can be officially declared over. Epidemiology work and analysis is currently ongoing.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Labour Day | September 4, 2023 | BCBHEC - closed |
| Producer General Meeting | September 12, 2023 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM |
| NTL Day For Truth and Reconciliation | September 29, 2023 | BCBHEC - closed |



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.