

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION
MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

2024 BC Poultry Conference:

Please find the scheduled details for the upcoming BC Poultry Conference on March 8, 2024, at the Coast Hotel and Convention Centre, in the attached flyer.

Invitation to the 2024 BCBHEC Annual General Meeting and Agenda:

Please find attached the details for the upcoming BCBHEC Annual General Meeting and Agenda. The meeting will take place on March 8, 2024, at 2:30 PM at the Coast Hotel and Convention Centre. Please note that registration for the Poultry Conference is not mandatory to attend the AGM.

Invitation to Producer Meeting:

Join us for an exclusive, in-person producer-only meeting on March 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be hosted at the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission located at 1848 McCallum Rd, Unit 210, Abbotsford. Please register with Michaela at admin@bcbhec.com to secure your spot. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Drought Decoding and Ag Water Management Workshops:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Water, land, and Resource Stewardship are collaborating to host workshops across British Columbia from February to April 2024. These workshops aim to assist producers in preparing for drought and understanding drought management decisions.

For the latest workshop schedule and registration links, visit: [2024 Drought and Water Management workshops – Province of British Columbia](#). Please note that pre-registration is required for some sessions, and registration links will be provided as soon as possible.

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-185	2.222 \$/kg	724.06 ¢/doz	75.42 ¢/chick	97.42 ¢/chick
A-186	2.212 \$/kg	743.56 ¢/doz	77.45 ¢/chick	99.45 ¢/chick
A-187	2.2445 \$/kg	717.62 ¢/doz	74.75 ¢/chick	96.75 ¢/chick

PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

81.6%

Average Lay Cycle End:

59.7 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-183	Jun 4, 2023	Jul 29, 2023
A-184	Jul 30, 2023	Sep 23, 2023
A-185	Sep 24, 2023	Nov 18, 2023
A-186	Nov 19, 2023	Jan 13, 2024
A-187	Jan 14, 2024	Mar 9, 2024

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 September 2024).

ON-FARM

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 53
Premises Completed: 52/53

2024 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54
Premises Completed: 4/54

Hatching Egg Tip

[Here](#) is an informative article on increasing total hatching eggs per hen housed.

Biosecurity Status: RED

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

HPAI Update:

All Primary Control Zones (PCZs) have transitioned to Security Zones. Flock Health Attestations (FHAs) are no longer required for movements unless instructed by staff directly. Staff will notify producers via email when zone changes occur.

CFIA is currently carrying out post-outbreak surveillance in several PCZs. This mandatory surveillance is a key step in the process to revoking a PCZ so that movement permits, and related testing is no longer required for the affected premises. CFIA will contact you directly by telephone if your farm is required to participate in the surveillance testing.

HPAI Detections in BC Wildlife and Environmental Surveillance:

We are delighted to announce that the live BC Wildlife and Environment HPAI surveillance dashboard is available. The current surveillance program detects HPAI viruses by collecting and testing wild birds and mammals that are found dead on the landscape as well as environmental samples. Moving forward, the results of this program are summarized and uploaded regularly in the dashboard available [here](#).

On-Farm Appointments:

On-Farm appointments have resumed. You can expect On-Farm Staff to contact you for booking audits, Salmonella Enteritidis testing, and barn specification appointments. Please contact Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) if you have further questions.





Time	Topic	Location
Registration 7:30AM – 9:00AM		
9:00-10:30am	BC Chicken Marketing Board AGM	Cascades Ballroom
10:30-11:00am	Health Break in Michaud Room	
11:00am-12:00pm	BC Chicken Growers Association AGM	Cascades Ballroom
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch	Cascades Ballroom
12:30-1:00pm	FIRB and FPCC Presentations (during lunch)	Cascades Ballroom
1:00-2:00pm	Keynote Speaker	Cascades Ballroom
2:00-2:30pm	Health Break in Michaud Room	
2:30-4:30pm	BC Turkey AGM (Association + Board)	Mackie Room
	BC Hatching Egg AGM (Association + Commission)	Innes Room
4:30-5:30pm	Break	
5:30-6:30pm	Cocktail Hour	Foyer / Lobby
6:30-8:30pm	Dinner Reception	Cascades Ballroom
8:30-late	Live Band	Cascades Ballroom

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, March 8, 2024
Time: 2:30 PM

BC Poultry Conference: **Innes Room**
You do not need to register for the
conference to participate in the AGM

Coast Hotel and Convention Centre
20393 Fraser Hwy – Langley, BC

35th Annual General Meeting Agenda

Friday March 8, 2024 at 2:30 PM

**Location: BC Poultry Conference
Coast Langley City Hotel & Convention Centre**

Call to Order

Reading of the March 3, 2023, Annual General Meeting Minutes

Reading of the September 12, 2023, General Meeting Minutes

Bill Vanderspek, Chair, BCBHEC

Brian Bilkes, Chair, CHEP

Trevor Holmgren, Auditor at T.J. Holmgren, CPA, Inc.

Joshua Crossett, Manager, Finance & Production

Dr. Harold Echeverry, Aviagen

BCBHEC Year in Review

New Business

Adjournment



PRODUCER MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM

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Enhanced Biosecurity “Red”

Revised June 2023

These measures are in addition to your “Green” and “Yellow” biosecurity protocols¹ and should be implemented on farms in a region where a disease or other threat is suspected or present.

Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)

- Inform all family, friends, staff, service personnel, and allied trades of your enhanced biosecurity measures
- Keep your CAZ barrier locked at all times
- Limit visits to only essential visitors. They must make an appointment and they must follow individual farm’s biosecurity requirements. Where ever possible, meet off the farm.
- Implement your vehicle wash station at the entrance to your CAZ
 - Remove all organic debris with pressurized water
 - Disinfect tires, wheel wells, and under-carriages of vehicles
 - Disinfect the floor mats, pedals, steering wheel, and door handles of the interior of the vehicle with disinfecting wipes or a small spray bottle and paper towel
- Make sure garbage bins (dumpsters) are outside of the CAZ and reduce pick-ups as much as possible

Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Keep all exterior barn doors locked at all times when not occupied by personnel
- When entering the RAZ change into barn specific coveralls and RAZ specific boots as well as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per WorkSafe BC requirements
- When exiting the RAZ leave all biosecurity gear on the RAZ side of the CAZ/RAZ demarcation
- Wash and or sanitize your hands before entering or exiting the RAZ
- Shower before and after completing your daily barn chores
- Restrict contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

Conducting Business

- Whenever possible conduct all activities through non-contact methods such as telephone, email, or fax
- Ensure proper biosecurity protocols are implemented while attending and returning from any common public gatherings.

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