



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

2023 BCBHEC Christmas Social:

Despite the current challenges, we believe it is important to foster positivity within our community. Please join us for an enjoyable evening featuring an array of appetizers, a bar, and a small program. This social will be held on December 6th at 7:00pm at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre. Please RSVP by December 1, 2023, to admin@bcbhec.com. A Save the Date is attached.

2024 BC Poultry Conference:

We're excited to announce that registration is open for the 2024 BC Poultry Conference. This event brings together growers in the broiler chicken, turkey, and hatching egg sectors for insightful discussions, AGMs, and the latest industry updates.

Join us on March 8, 2024, at the Coast Langley Hotel & Convention Center, 20393 Fraser Hwy, Langley BC. For reservations, contact the hotel directly and use code: GF10237. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and stay informed!

Visit the [2024 BC Poultry Conference Registration](#) page to secure your spot today.

AgSafe's Mental Wellness Debrief Sessions:

There is one date remaining for these sessions. More information on event details for AgSafe's post-season mental wellness debrief sessions is attached.

Producer License Applications:

Producer License Applications have been distributed via email. Please submit your application by December 8, 2023, to admin@bcbhec.com.

HPAI Producer Information Meeting:

This meeting was held on November 28, 2023, via zoom. This presentation is posted under "HPAI Townhall Presentations" on the website [here](#).

PRICING

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

PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

81.75%

Average Lay Cycle End:

60 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-182	Apr 9, 2023	Jun 3, 2023
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

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 June 2024).



ON-FARM

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 53
Premises Completed: 39/53

Hatching Egg Tip

[Here](#) is an interesting article on a new way to provide uniform feed distribution during bird rearing periods.

Biosecurity Status: RED

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

HPAI Update:

Information on producers in zones can be found [here](#). Information on current PCZs within Canada can be found [here](#). All zone-specific information has been emailed to you directly. Please ensure you review all information as it directly relates to movement of your products off-site.

CHEP Ammonia & Dust Concentration Information:

Please find a presentation and extension article on the Impact of Ammonia and Dust Concentrations provided by CHEP posted under "Presentations" [here](#).

Salmonella Enteritidis Webinar:

If you missed this informational webinar, the slides have been posted to the producer's side of the website under "Presentations" [here](#).

On-Farm Appointments:

On-Farm appointments will continue outside of 3-kilometer Primary Control Zones. This is subject to change as the HPAI outbreak evolves. Spiking male testing continues using Biosecurity Red Alert adapted protocols. Please contact Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) if you have further questions.

Animals in Anterooms:

On-Farm staff have noted a number of premises permitting animals inside their Restricted Access Zones (RAZ). A reminder that the BC Biosecurity Manual prohibits all animals from the RAZ. More information can be found [here](#).

Breaker Quality Egg Program:

Although the Breaker Quality Egg Program (BQEP) will continue (like hatcheries picking up eggs), should producers not feel comfortable with the BQEP on-site, you may decide to destroy the eggs and cancel the egg truck. Please notify Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) and Barry (barry@bcbhec.com) if this is your decision and provide your destruction plan. Our egg truck driver is currently attending farms within the zones via permits.

OTHER

Office Holiday Hours:

The office will be closed beginning December 25, 2023, and will reopen on January 2, 2024. Select staff will continue to manage the HPAI response. Please contact Stephanie (stephanie@bcbhec.com) or Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) during this time if you require assistance.

Happy Holidays:

The Board and staff extend their warmest wishes to you and your family this season. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!





Save The Date

Christmas Social

Date: December 6, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre
36035 North Parallel Road

Kindly RSVP by December 1, 2023, to
admin@bcbhec.com.



BC POULTRY
CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TO OPEN:

NOVEMBER 20, 2023



2024

MARCH 8, 2024

COAST LANGLEY CITY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION
BC CHICKEN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION
BC TURKEY ASSOCIATION



AgSafe's Post-Season Mental Wellness Debrief Sessions

I hope this message finds you well. We're reaching out to let you know about our Mental Wellness Debrief sessions, a new opportunity for British Columbia's agricultural community to access support for mental well-being at no cost.

With drought, wildfires and supply chain disruptions, 2023 has been another challenging year for British Columbia's agricultural industry. These virtual debriefing events will provide a space for producers to connect with others facing similar challenges and acknowledge the hard work, unpredictability and unexpected hurdles faced during the past production season.

What's in it for your members?

- A safe and confidential space to connect with peers.
- Reflection on the season's challenges and achievements in a discussion led by a clinical counsellor.
- A way to confidentially discuss, share and connect with others undergoing similar challenges.
- Strengthening of mental and emotional well-being, and fostering a sense of community.

We believe your association members would greatly benefit from these sessions, and we invite you to share this opportunity with them.

EVENT DETAILS

Dates:

- November 28 - 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- December 5 - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Format: Virtual

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mental-wellness-debrief-sessions-for-bc-aq-2737219>

Cost: Free!

Thank you for your ongoing support and for advocating for the well-being of our shared community. Let's collaborate to ensure our agricultural producers receive the support they need after a demanding year.

Mental Wellness Debrief sessions are part of the AgLife initiative, cultivating mental wellness in agriculture. We greatly appreciate the support of funding from the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia through the Agriculture Workforce Development Initiative. The initiative is delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC.

Warm regards,

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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.