



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

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](#). Visit the [2024 BC Poultry Conference Registration](#) page to secure your spot today. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and stay informed. Kindly be aware that the Coast Langley has notified us that our reserved hotel room block will remain available until February 8, 2024. Subsequently, any unclaimed room will revert to full price.

Invitation to the 2024 BCBHEC Annual General Meeting:

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

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](#).

2024 CHEP Executive Director Appointment:

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) is delighted to share the appointment of Teddy Markey as Executive Director, effective April 1st, 2024. Teddy brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role. The Board is confident that his leadership will significantly contribute to the continued success and growth of the organization.

Please find below a letter of introduction, provided by CHEP.

PRICING

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:

80.5%

Average Lay Cycle End:

60 Weeks

Lay Cycle Length:

Please continue to keep flock fertility up with the extended lay cycle length.

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 August 2024).

ON-FARM

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 53
Premises Completed: 46/53

2024 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54
Premises Completed: 0/54

Hatching Egg Tip

[Here](#) is an informational sheet on best Biosecurity tips.

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.

CHEP ACP Request for Information:

Canadian Hatching Egg Producers is in the process of developing guidelines to be used to assess the adequacy of feeder space when more birds are allocated to feeders than recommended by the manufacturer during rearing. CHEP is requesting hatching egg producers to provide information regarding their barn equipment as well as specific pullet flock information. This information will be used to propose guidelines for this CHEP ACP criterion. Please see attached for the template and more information. This request is due to be submitted by February 15th to kaitlyn@bcbhec.com. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to advancing animal welfare within the hatching egg industry.

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.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and valuable contributions to the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission. Together, we are driving positive change within the industry.





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



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

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

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

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) are pleased to announce the appointment of Teddy Markey as Executive Director, effective April 1st, 2024.

“We are thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to work with Teddy as the new Executive Director of CHEP. We know that his loyalty and enthusiasm will help our organization to promote and support the hatching egg industry within the agriculture sector,” said the Chair of the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Brian Bilkes.

Teddy is well-positioned to launch into this new role. As CHEP’s current Communications and Government Relations Advisor, he will have an opportunity to deepen his knowledge of the hatching egg industry and bring creative leadership to the organization.

As Executive Director, Teddy will lead CHEP in its day-to-day operations while working towards achieving the larger goal of completing CHEP’s new strategic plan by 2025.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Tim Lambert for his leadership during this search. Tim will continue his role as Interim Executive Director until April 1st, 2024.

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Le Conseil d’administration des Producteurs d’œufs d’incubation du Canada (POIC) est heureux d’annoncer la nomination de Teddy Markey au poste de directeur général, à compter du 1^{er} avril 2024.

[Traduction] « Nous sommes ravis d’avoir l’occasion de continuer de travailler avec Teddy à titre de nouveau directeur général des POIC. Nous savons que par sa loyauté et son enthousiasme, il aidera notre organisation à promouvoir et à soutenir l’industrie des œufs d’incubation dans le secteur agricole », a déclaré Brian Bilkes, président des POIC.

Teddy est bien placé pour jouer ce nouveau rôle. En tant que conseiller en communications et en relations gouvernementales des POIC, poste qu’il occupe actuellement, il aura l’occasion d’approfondir ses connaissances de l’industrie des œufs d’incubation et d’assurer un leadership créatif auprès de l’organisation.

À titre de directeur général, Teddy dirigera les activités quotidiennes des POIC tout en travaillant à l’atteinte de l’objectif plus vaste d’exécuter le nouveau plan stratégique des POIC d’ici 2025.

Le Conseil d’administration tient à remercier Tim Lambert de son leadership pendant cette recherche. Tim conservera sa fonction de directeur général par intérim jusqu’au 1^{er} avril 2024.

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.

CHEP Animal Care Program Request for Information

Background

According to the *Hatchery Regulations* which came into effect November 9th, 2023, hatching egg producers are to adhere to all relevant sections of the NFACC Poultry Code, which CHEP ensures through the Animal Care Program (ACP). Specifically, Section 3.5 of the *Code* states that “The number of birds must not exceed that which can be accommodated by the available barn space and equipment (e.g. feeders, waters, nest boxes).” As this is applicable to hatching egg production, this criterion is included in the CHEP ACP verbatim.

CHEP ACP auditors are to assess the adequacy of feeder capacity based on the manufacturer’s recommendation. However, more non-mature birds (i.e., pullets and cockerels) can be allocated to equipment due to their smaller size. To assess if there is adequate feeder space, data must be collected reflecting the capabilities of the feeders which is to be reviewed by the auditors to ensure that welfare is not compromised due to the increased number of birds allocated to the feeders.

Issue

The CHEP ACP currently does not include guidelines for producers or auditors detailing what data needs to be collected or what parameters would be acceptable when assessing this data to indicate that the feeders can accommodate more birds without impacting welfare. This can result in inconsistencies in auditing between member provinces and auditors.

Purpose

To ensure that guidelines for this criterion developed by CHEP are attainable by producers, defensible, and reflective of what is happening on Canadian farms.

End Goal

Develop production guidelines to be used to assess the adequacy of feeder space when more birds are allocated to feeders than recommended by the manufacturer during rearing.

Request

CHEP is requesting hatching egg producers to provide information regarding their feeders, waterers, as well as the typical body weight, uniformity, and mortality in their grower barns. This information will be used to propose guidelines for this CHEP ACP criterion.

Please complete as much of the attached questionnaire as you are comfortable with. The more information that is provided to CHEP, the more accurate future requirements of the CHEP ACP.

Deadline

Please return the survey to your provincial board on or before February 15th, 2024.

Barn Information

Barn	Breed	Age Moved to Lay Barn	# Birds Typically Placed
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Which body weight guidelines do you use? _____

Feeder Information

Feeder Manufacturer _____ Feeder model _____

Barn Number	Feeder Type		Manufacturer recommendation (birds / feeder or linear space / bird)	Number of Feeders / Total Feeder Length
	Pan	Chain		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Waterer Information

Barn Number	Manufacturer recommendation (birds per drinker)	Number of Drinkers
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Do you use nipple drinkers in all of your barns? *(choose one)*

If no, what type(s) of drinkers do you use in your barns? *Please specify what type of drinker is in each barn*

Flock Information*

Barn	Age (in weeks)	Body Weight		Uniformity	Mortality (%)
		Target	Actual		
1	2				
	4				
	6				
	8				
	10				
	12				
	14				
	16				
	18				
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2	2				
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*Based on a typical, healthy flock

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*Based on a typical, healthy flock

Other

Are there any other health conditions frequently noted in your grower barns (e.g., leg issues, E. coli outbreak etc.)? The more information you can provide (e.g., mortality associated with the health condition, age it typically appears, seasonality, etc.) the better.

Please indicate if the health condition(s) are noted more frequently, or exclusively in certain barns.