



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!

2024 Fraser Valley Farmers Flood Mitigation and Resiliency Workshop:

The November 2021 atmospheric river and severe floods significantly impacted the Fraser Valley, especially farmers. Discussions are underway at various levels of government and other organizations to address future flood damage. It's crucial for Fraser Valley Farmers to grasp these concepts for effective communication and decision-making.

Join us for a free workshop and complimentary lunch on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre. Secure your spot by [registering](#) for the Fraser Valley Farmers Flood Mitigation and Resiliency Workshop. We look forward to seeing you there!

2024 Poultry Disease Updates Webinar Series:

Join Canadian Poultry for an exclusive four-part webinar series every Monday in January at 1:00 pm ET. Industry experts will provide insights on four poultry diseases. Each session covers disease overviews, diagnostics, and preventative measures, helping producers safeguard their flocks. To register, click [here](#).

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](#).

9 in 10 Canadians Say it's Important that Dairy, Eggs, Chicken and Turkey They Buy Come from Canada:

Canadians place significant importance on maintaining a robust and stable domestic supply of dairy, eggs, chicken, and turkey. Please refer to the link provided [here](#) for an article from Abacus Data, which conducted a nationwide survey on Canadians' views regarding the food system and supply management.

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.

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 July 2024).

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

ON-FARM

2023 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 53
Premises Completed: 42/53

2024 Audit Stats

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

Hatching Egg Tip

[Here](#) is an article on rearing males for optimal leg health.

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 Primary Control Zones (PCZs) can be found [here](#) on the producer's side of the website. Premises left in only Security Zones are no longer required to submit Flock Health Attestations (FHAs) for movements unless instructed by staff directly. Staff will be emailing you to confirm of your zone changes when they occur.

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.

On-Farm Appointments:

On-Farm appointments will continue outside of 3-kilometer infected zones. This is subject to change as the HPAI outbreak evolves. Salmonella Enteritidis testing will resume for End-of-Lay and Pre-movement (pullet) testing. Spiking male testing continues using Biosecurity Red Alert adapted protocols. Barn specification appointments will resume in accordance with the Animal Care Program. Please contact Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) if you have further questions.

Animals in Anterooms:

On-Farm staff have noted several 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](#).

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](#).

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

Happy New Year:

On behalf of the BC Broiler Hatching Commission and Staff, we are thrilled to embark on a new year with you. The past few months have presented challenges for everyone, and we want to ensure we remain a united community. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions in this new year.





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

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.