BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Less than 5-Year Producer Club:

We are organizing an informative session for producers with less than five years of experience. If you're interested in attending, please let us know. Once we have enough participants, we will announce the date and time. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Michaela (admin@bcbhec.com).

CFIA Avian Influenza Update and Outbreak Investigations:

The recording and presentation of the CFIA's session on Avian Influenza update and outbreak investigations is now available. Please visit the producer side of our <u>website</u> to view it.

Outreach to Hatching Egg Producers re COP Surveys:

Serecon has started reaching out to hatching egg producers selected for surveying. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Urge Senators to Support Supply Management:

For details on Bill C-282, Please check the producer section of our website.

Lifting of General Order AIV 2023-03:

Effective June 5, 2024, General order AIV 2023-03 is lifted. All registered quota holding poultry premises have been notified. Continue strict biosecurity to prevent avian influenza. Report suspected bird flu to your vet, CFIA, or BC Animal Health Centre at 1-800-661-9903.

On-Farm Program Summer Student:

Please welcome Allie Janzen, our new On-Farm Program Summer Student. She will initially shadow Kaitlyn and Amy and will eventually take on tasks independently. Allie is a second-year business student at Trinity Western University, specializing in marketing and finance. She has extensive poultry experience on her family's layer and broiler farm. This summer, Allie looks forward to learning about the hatching egg industry and meeting producers on the farm.

Access Our Latest Webinar on Feed and Nutrient Recommendations:

If you missed our recent webinar with Aviagen on "Feed and Nutrient recommendations for Parent Stock," you can still watch it. Nutritionist Alex Corzo and Randall Vickery, Aviagen's Regional Technical Manager for North America, provided valuable insights. The full session is available now on the producer section of our website.

Hatching Egg Producers' and Chicken Growers' Picnic – Save the Date:

Join us on July 3, 2024, at Fort Langley Park: 23055 St. Andrews Street. Hatching Egg Producers, Growers, allied trades and families are invited for a fun-filled day rain or shine! Enjoy bouncy castles, airbrush tattoos, a candy store, chicken BBQ lunch and draw prizes. See you there.

Stay Informed:

Check our <u>website</u> frequently for the latest updates on webinars and valuable guides. Find essential resources and presentations on important industry topics to keep yourself ahead in your field.

PRICING

Pricing Orders					
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks	
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	
A-188	2.2073 \$/kg	725.50 ¢/doz	75.57 ¢/chick	97.57 ¢/chick	
A-189	2.1704 \$/kg	717.44 ¢/doz	74.73 ¢/chick	96.73 ¢/chick	



PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

82.07%

Average Lay Cycle End:

59.6 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-185	Sep 24, 2023	Nov 18, 2023			
A-186	Nov 19, 2023	Jan 13, 2024			
A-187	Jan 14, 2024	Mar 9, 2024			
A-188	Mar 10, 2024	May 4, 2024			
A-189	May 5, 2024	Jun 29, 2024			

Placement Date / Number Changes: Production staff want to note that increasing placeable hens or changing placement dates can be challenging and usually must be done at least six months out (currently into December 2024).

Placements for Second Year of Quota Cycle:

Production staff will be sending Producers their Quota & Placement Sheets in late June once the Board has set the quota utilization rate for placement beginning July 1, 2024. You will also receive a letter outlining whether there is unplaceable quota due to not having enough barn space.

ON-FARM

2024 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54 Premises Completed: 17/54

Hatching Egg Tip

Here is a useful article on feeding management.

Biosecurity Status: YELLOW

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

Yellow Alert Notification:

Please see attached the BC Poultry Association (BCPA) recommendation. The Commission has confirmed that producers can now return to yellow biosecurity status. This status requires daily adherence to the measures outlined in the BC Biosecurity Program to prevent the introduction and spread of disease.

Updated Spiking Male Registrations:

Spiking Male Registration Forms have been updated and are accessible on the producer's side of the <u>website</u>. Please ensure the correct forms are being used according to the present Biosecurity Status and the proper protocols are adhered to during transfer.

Salmonella Enteritidis FAQ:

A frequently asked questions document regarding Salmonella Enteritidis has been added to the producer's side of the website.

CHEP Agriskills Course

A reminder that CHEP offers a comprehensive online modular course on Broiler Breeder production. Based on real-world best practices used on farms across Canada, this simple, practical training package ensures that even the busiest farms can successfully train their workers quickly and with no down-time. Please contact Kaitlyn (kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) to register you or your employees.

HPAI Detections in BC Wildlife and Environmental Surveillance:

We are happy 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.





SAVE THE DATE! July 3, 2024



ALL GROWERS, HATCHING EGG

PRODUCERS, ALLIED TRADES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

BC CHICKEN GROWERS AND HATCHING EGG PRODUCERS ANNUAL CHICKEN PICNIC



Wednesday, July 3, 2024 Rain or Shine Fort Langley Park: 23055 St. Andrews St

Events include

- Morning coffee and donuts
- Races for kids and adults
- Bouncy Castle
- Airbrush Tattoos
- Candy store
- · Poster Coloring Contest
- · Chicken BBQ lunch
- Draw Prizes



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Heightened Biosecurity "Yellow"

These measures are above mandatory standards and should be applied when there is a heightened disease risk or other threats in your region within BC.¹

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
- Minimize contact with all other avian (bird) and porcine (swine) species
- Minimize 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 unusual changes in feed and water consumption, 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 commodities On-Farm Food Safety Program requires more stringent biosecurity measures please follow them instead. The measures above are minimum requirements.