



## INDUSTRY INFORMATION

### 2024 September Producer-Only Meeting – Important Save the Date:

Mark your calendar for an important in-person Producer Only Meeting at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre (Summit Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor) on September 26, 2024, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It's crucial that every producer attends, as essential on-farm supplies will be distributed at this event. Due to high attendance at the recent meetings, we've secured a larger room to ensure everyone's comfort. Please RSVP to [admin@bcbhec.com](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com) to confirm your attendance.

### Less than 5-Year Producer Club:

We are organizing an informative session for producers with less than five years of quota ownership. 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](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com)).

### Pullet Grower Access to Producer Section of Website:

An email with details on your access to the producer section of our website was sent on August 12, 2024. It includes all the necessary setup instruction. Please email [admin@bcbhec.com](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com) to confirm that everything is working on your end, or if you have any questions.

### BCBHEC Website – Producer Password Reset Assistance:

Please inform the office if you encounter any issues logging into the producer section of the website. You can reach out to [admin@bcbhec.com](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com), and we will assist you with resetting your password.

### Regional Diversity Information Session:

We are organizing an informative session for producers interested in the regional diversity project including those who may be interested in relocating to the interior. If you're interested in attending, please contact Michaela ([admin@bcbhec.com](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com)). Once we confirm participants, we will announce the date and time.

### COP Surveys:

Serecon has been contacting producers to participate in the COP surveys. It is critical that you participate should you be contacted. Serecon is sending staff a report of those who are not responding, and we will be following up with you directly.

### Stay Informed:

Check our [website](#) 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-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          |
| A-190          | 2.1678 \$/kg | 722.78 ¢/doz  | 75.29 ¢/chick   | 97.29 ¢/chick          |
| A-191          | 2.1805 \$/kg | 739.91 ¢/doz  | 77.07 ¢/chick   | 99.07 ¢/chick          |

## PRODUCTION

### Year-To-Date Hatchability:

81.7%

### Average Lay Cycle End:

59.0 Weeks

| Production Cycles |              |              |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Period            | Start Date   | End Date     |
| A-187             | Jan 14, 2024 | Mar 9, 2024  |
| A-188             | Mar 10, 2024 | May 4, 2024  |
| A-189             | May 5, 2024  | Jun 29, 2024 |
| A-190             | Jun 30, 2024 | Aug 25, 2024 |
| A-191             | Aug 25, 2024 | Oct 19, 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 March 2025).

### Egg Flow Adjusted to 58-Week Cycle:

Please note that we have returned to planned egg flow and have lowered the end of the lay cycle to 58 weeks in consultation with the BC Egg Hatchery Association. If you have any questions, please reach out to Riesa ([production@bcbhec.com](mailto:production@bcbhec.com)).

## ON-FARM

### 2024 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54  
Premises Completed: 27/54

### Hatching Egg Tip

An interesting [article](#) on the importance of weighing eggs.

### Biosecurity Status: YELLOW

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

### CHEP Biosecurity Signage:

On-Farm staff are distributing new biosecurity signage provided by CHEP. This signage is to replace previous versions that may have become faded or damaged. Please display these signs at the entrance to your premise or controlled access zone.

### CHEP Animal Care Program (ACP) Updates:

The ACP has been updated and its new regulations came into effect September 1, 2024. Associated literature has been distributed to producers and is also accessible on the BCBHEC [website](#). Paper copies will be distributed at on-farm appointments and other producer gatherings. These updates are to replace specific pages within ACP manuals. Upon receiving the paper copy updates, please use the updated pages to replace the outdated ones within producer manuals onsite.

### On-Farm Summer Student Farewell:

Allie Janzen, who joined us over the summer as our On-Farm Summer Student, is no longer with our team as she has returned to school to further her education. We want to thank Allie for the excellent work she accomplished during her time with the Commission. Allie was a great addition to our team, and she thoroughly enjoyed meeting our producers and attending their farms. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

### Barn Specifications Reminder:

Please let On-Farm staff know if you are or will be renovating your barns. The ACP requires most up to date barn specifications on file as these numbers affect your flock sizes.

### HPAI Detections in BC - Wildlife and Environmental Surveillance:

HPAI surveillance dashboard is available [here](#).

### 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](mailto:kaitlyn@bcbhec.com)) to register you or your employees.





# Save the Date!

## Producer Meeting

Date: September 26, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre  
36035 N Parallel Rd, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2C6

Please RSVP with [admin@bcbhec.com](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com)

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

### 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

<sup>1</sup> 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.