



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Registration – 2025 BC Poultry Conference:

Join us on March 14, 2025, at the Coast Langley City Hotel & Convention Center for industry insights, AGMs, and networking. AGMs are free, but full access requires paid registration. To reserve a hotel room, call 604-530-1500 and use code **GF10735** by February 13, 2025, to secure the conference rate. Don't miss this valuable opportunity—[register today!](#)

Invitation to the 2025 BCBHEC and BCBHEPA Annual General Meeting:

Please find the details for the upcoming BCBHEC and BCBHEPA Annual General Meeting in the attached flyer. The meeting will take place on March 14, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the Coast Hotel and Convention Centre. Registration for the Poultry Conference is not mandatory to attend the AGM.

Breaker Egg Program Cooler Relocation (BQEP) – Suggestions Needed:

Due to the need to relocate the Breaker Quality Egg Program (BQEP), the Commission is seeking a new location for the BQEP cooler and truck. We would appreciate your help in identifying potential non-hatching egg farm sites. If you know of any suitable locations, please email stephanie@bcbhec.com with your suggestions.

Quota Sales and Transfers – PEFIP Eligibility Information for Producers:

Attached is information from the Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program (PEFIP) regarding cases where producers sold quota before fully accessing their funding, affecting eligibility. PEFIP requests Provincial Boards to help producers understand the rules for quota sales and transfers.

Save the Date – Regional Diversity February 20th :

We are hosting a Regional Diversification Meeting via Zoom on February 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please email Michaela at admin@bcbhec.com.

Talk, Ask, Listen: Free Workshop for Farmers – March 6th:

Please see the attached information about a free Talk, Ask, Listen Workshop by The Do More Agriculture Foundation on March 6th, 2025, from 10 am – 2 pm at 1767 Angus Campbell Road in Abbotsford. Attend in-person (lunch included) or join online via Zoom. This farmer-focused workshop, led by Dr. Merle Massie, combines practical farming insights with mental health strategies. Register here—spaces are limited.

Groundwater Licensing Drop-In Session – February 11th:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food is hosting a drop-in session on February 11, 2025, to assist producers with their groundwater licensing applications. See details below.

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-192	2.1722 \$/kg	755.86 ¢/doz	78.74 ¢/chick	102.15 ¢/chick
A-193	2.1636 \$/kg	754.97 ¢/doz	78.64 ¢/chick	102.05 ¢/chick
A-194	2.1758 \$/kg	736.69 ¢/doz	76.74 ¢/chick	100.15 ¢/chick

PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

82.0%

Average Lay Cycle End:

59.1 Weeks

Production Cycles		
Period	Start Date	End Date
A-190	Jun 30, 2024	Aug 25, 2024
A-191	Aug 25, 2024	Oct 19, 2024
A-192	Oct 20, 2024	Dec 14, 2024
A-193	Dec 13, 2024	Feb 8, 2025
A-194	Feb 9, 2025	Apr 6, 2025

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 August 2025).

ON-FARM

2024 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 52
Premises Completed: 45/52

2025 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 48
Premises Completed: 1/48

Hatching Egg Tip

An informative [article](#) on biosecurity best practices for breeders.

Biosecurity Status: RED

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

HPAI Update:

Information on zone designations can be found on the [Producer Portal](#). Information on current zoning within Canada can be found [here](#). Please ensure you review all information emailed to you as it directly relates to movement of your products off-site.

Please ensure you notify Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of any offsite pullet & manure movements. On-farm staff will be booking appointments outside of 1km infected zones to maintain national obligations.

If you wish to receive BQEP pickup outside of the 1km infected zones, please contact Barry and Kaitlyn to ensure schedules and permits are organized appropriately.

Confidential Biosecurity Questionnaire for Producers:

Broiler Hatching Egg Producers are invited to complete a confidential questionnaire. Your input will support a national overview and provide a personalized report. Details attached below.

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.

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 at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com to register you or your employees.

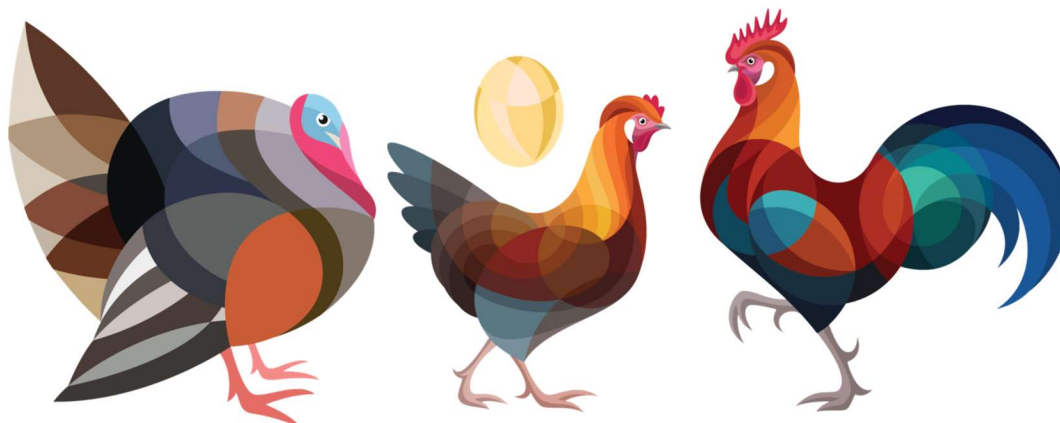
Stay Informed:

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.

Snow Removal Reminder:

With snow in the forecast, please note that producers are responsible for clearing snow to ensure Hatcheries, on-Farm Techs, and the BQEP Truck can access your site. Thank you for your cooperation!





2025 MARCH 14, 2025

COAST LANGLEY CITY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

AGENDA:

Time	Topic	Location
Conference Registration – Opens March 14 at 6:45 AM		
7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast & Registration	Foyer/Cascades
7:30 am	Tradeshow Start Time	Foyer
8:00-10:00 am	BC Chicken Marketing Board AGM	Cascades Ballroom
10:00 -10:30 am	Health Break - Foyer	
10:30 am -11:30 pm	BC Chicken Growers' Association AGM	Cascades Ballroom
11:30-1:00 pm	Lunch	Cascades Ballroom
1:00-2:30 pm	BC Broiler Hatching Eggs Producers Association AGM	Cascades Ballroom
2:30-3:00 pm	Health Break - Foyer	
3:00-4:30 pm	BC Turkey Association AGM	Cascades Ballroom
5:00 pm	Tradeshow Ends	Foyer / Lobby
6:00-7:00 pm	Gala Reception	Cascades Ballroom
7:00-8:00 pm	Dinner Reception	Cascades Ballroom
8:30- late	After dinner cocktails – Networking (DJ music)	Cascades Ballroom



BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

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BC BROILER HATCHING EGG PRODUCER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday

March

2025

14

1:00PM TO 2:30PM | CASCADES BALLROOM

Please join us for our AGM at the Coast Hotel and Convention Centre, located at 20393 Fraser Hwy, Langley, BC. No conference registration is required to attend the AGM.

Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program (PEFIP)

Sales/Transfers of Quota and Shares of Production

Background:

- The Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program (PEFIP) helps eligible supply-managed poultry and egg producers adapt to market changes resulting from the implementation of recent trade agreements.
- Producers must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible:
 - Must be one of the following producer types:
 - poultry and/or egg producers holding quota
 - poultry and/or egg producers licensed, or equivalent, by a provincial marketing agency
 - Atlantic Canada Hatching Egg Producers
 - poultry and/or egg producers under new entrant programs with loaned quota and/or whole-farm leases with loaned quota at the time of the calculation
 - Must have held quota/shares of provincial production on January 1, 2021. The quota/shares of provincial production held on January 1, 2021 is used to determine a producer's maximum funding amount under the program.
 - Must be an individual or legal entity capable of entering into legally binding agreements and contracts.
 - Must be actively engaged in farming in Canada as a poultry and/or egg producer.
- Funding is allocated by sector (chicken, turkey, eggs, and hatching eggs) and by province according to the provincial shares of the national quota/production. A producer's maximum funding amount under the program (also known as funding allocation) is determined based on their share of provincial quota/production holdings on January 1, 2021, as identified by their respective provincial marketing board.
- The funding allocation associated to a producer is not transferrable when the quota/share of production has been sold after January 1, 2021, with the exception of [quota splits and intergenerational transfers](#) of quota/share of production.

Impact of Quota Sale/Transfer on PEFIP Eligibility:

- As we move further away from the January 1, 2021 program eligibility date, an increasing number of quota sales and intergenerational transfers are anticipated.
- Based on the eligibility criteria outlined above, the sale or transfer of quota may jeopardize a producer's eligibility under the program, which could therefore impact their ability to access their allocated PEFIP funding.

Request to Provincial Marketing Boards:

- In an effort to help ensure producers access the program before any changes take place that could affect their eligibility, PEFIP is asking Provincial Marketing Boards to proactively raise the following if a producer indicates any intention of selling or transferring their quota/provincial shares:
 - Has the producer accessed their full PEFIP funding allocation [including the increase from July 2023 related to the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA)]?
 - If the producer has funding available (or if the producer is unsure), please encourage the producer to contact the program as soon as possible to advise about the planned sale or transfer.
 - The program will be in touch with the producer within two business days.
- The sooner the PEFIP is informed about a producer's situation, the better we can guide the producer in accessing their funding allocation before eligibility requirements may no longer be met.

PEFIP Contact Information:

- Email: aafc.pefip-pifvo.aac@agr.gc.ca
- Telephone: 1-877-246-4682

JOIN US!

**For A Free Talk Ask Listen Workshop With
The Do More Agriculture Foundation.**

DATE: March 6, 2025

TIME: 10 AM - 2 PM

WHERE: Ministry of Agriculture & Food Centre
1767 Angus Campbell Rd, Abbotsford

Or join us virtually by Zoom.

For more info and to register:

DoMore.Ag/Events.

**The
Do More
Agriculture
Foundation**



NEED HELP WITH YOUR GROUNDWATER LICENSE APPLICATION?

Join the B.C. government for a
Groundwater Licensing drop-in session.

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Ministry Of Agriculture And Food, Room 215

1767 Angus Campbell Road Abbotsford, B.C.

Drop in anytime between **9:00 and 4:00 on February 11th** and staff from the Ministries of Agriculture and Food and Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with the process. **To complete the application, there are a few key pieces of information you will need to bring:**

- Certificate of land title or BC Assessment
- Description and location of the wells (such as a well ID plate number or lat/long coordinates)
- Written consent from every person on the land title/land tenure (such as the Co-applicant consent form - request from contact below)

If you have any questions or need help preparing for the session, please contact Joseph Levitsky: (604) 316-6521 / josephlevitsky@gmail.com



AgriServiceBC

Enhanced Biosecurity “Red”



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. Wherever possible, meet off the farm. (revised)*
- 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. (revised)*

¹ These are not all of the BC Biosecurity Program requirements; please refer to your producer manual for more information. Note if your commodity’s On-Farm Food Safety Program requires more stringent biosecurity measures please follow them instead. The measures above are minimum requirements.

CALLING ALL BROILER HATCHING EGG PRODUCERS! – RESEARCH SURVEY –

Help prevent *Salmonella* and HPAI

What's the issue?

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has listed *Salmonella* as one of the most important foodborne disease-causing agents in Canada, and poultry has been identified as a reservoir for *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* and risk factors for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) are important national research priorities for CHEP.

What is CHEP doing?

CHEP is funding a research project with Université de Montréal and the Swine and Poultry Infectious Diseases Research Center (CRIPA) entitled *Contribution of management factors to the evolution of Salmonella spp. genetic diversity and to the presence of Salmonella Enteritidis in broiler breeder flocks in Canada*, which is designed to *Salmonella* diversity on-farm, the associated risk factors for *Salmonella* and HPAI, and potential interventions such as improved autogenous vaccines.

This work is being led by Dr. Marie-Lou Gaucher, associate professor at the Université de Montréal, in collaboration with Dr. Manon Racicot, adjunct professor at the Université de Montréal, who will be responsible for the questionnaire part of the study.

What am I being asked to do?

Broiler hatching egg producers across Canada are being asked to complete a confidential, online questionnaire on their current on-farm biosecurity practices. The responses will be used to create a current picture of management practices on broiler hatching egg farms and a personalized biosecurity report will be generated for each participant.

Contact: marie-lou.gaucher@umontreal.ca



What's in it for me?

You will receive a **personal biosecurity assessment** tailored to your farm at no cost to you.

Your responses will improve current knowledge about risk factors for both *Salmonella* and HPAI, as well as better interventions on-farm.

The more responses, the better. The litter of your participating barn will be sampled twice during the study as part of the existing *Salmonella* Enteritidis (SE) monitoring program in your province, and a duplicate of this sample will be shared with the research team that will document the *Salmonella* diversity.

How will my personal information be protected?

The project numerically codes participant information and sampling results.

The research team will have access to the key that links the code and your identity during the data collection.

The research team only will have access to the data of the research. Your provincial organization will know your identity so that they can forward the litter samples collected to the research team.

However, neither these representatives nor CHEP will have access to the data collected during your participation or to your individual results.

After the end of the data collection, the key will be destroyed, so your data will be anonymized. This ensures your personal information always remains confidential.

Participation is voluntary. You can withdraw at any time, no questions asked.

Please note that once the collected data have been anonymized or once the publication process has started, they will no longer be withdrawn from the study.

Project updates will be available regularly. For more information, please contact your provincial board, or contact CHEP.

Should you be interested in taking part of this study, please contact the research team (marie-lou.gaucher@umontreal.ca).

