

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

2025 BC Poultry Conference & Annual General Meetings:

Join us on March 14, 2025, at the Coast Langley City Hotel & Convention Center for the 2025 BC Poultry Conference, where you'll gain industry insights, connect with peers, and attend the BCBHEC & BCBHEPA Annual General Meetings (AGMs). The AGMs, scheduled for 1:00 PM, are free to attend and do not require conference registration. However, full access to conference events is available with paid registration. Don't miss this valuable opportunity—[register today!](#)

BCBHEPA Director Nominations at AGM – March 14, 2025:

At the BCBHEPA Annual General Meeting on March 14, 2025, at 1:00 PM, nominations for directors will be accepted from the floor. If you know someone who would be a great candidate, please contact Bruce Apperloo, President of the Producer's Association, at apperloo01@gmail.com.

Poultry Industry Council's Producer Update – March 19, 2025:

This year's Winter Series Producer Update, focused on broiler breeders, will be held virtually on March 19, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM PST. Registration for producers is free, while members and non-members can register for \$25.00. [Register](#) to attend live or receive a recording with key takeaways.

Breaker Quality Egg Program (BQEP) Cooler Relocation – Suggestions Welcome:

Due to the need to relocate the BQEP, the Commission is seeking a new location for the 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.

BQEP Truck Unavailable March 24th – 28th:

The BQEP truck will be temporarily out of service from March 24th to 28th and will resume operations on March 31st. Please plan accordingly.

BCBHEC Coffee Meetings April 15th and 16th:

We are hosting three coffee meeting sessions focused on the Cost of Production (COP) and the COP update. **Registration is required**, as spots are limited. The meetings will take place at the BCBHEC office, located at 1848 McCallum Road, Unit 210, Abbotsford. To register, please email Michaela at admin@bcbhec.com.

Meeting Dates and Times:

- Monday, April 15 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Monday, April 15 – 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 16 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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.

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-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:
83.3%

Average Lay Cycle End:
60.2 Weeks

| Period | Start Date | End Date |
|--------|--------------|--------------|
| A-190 | Jun 30, 2024 | Aug 24, 2024 |
| A-191 | Aug 25, 2024 | Oct 19, 2024 |
| A-192 | Oct 20, 2024 | Dec 14, 2024 |
| A-193 | Dec 15, 2024 | Feb 8, 2025 |
| A-194 | Feb 9, 2025 | Apr 5, 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 September 2025).

ON-FARM

2024 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 52
Premises Completed: 47/52

2025 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 48
Premises Completed: 6/48

Hatching Egg Tip

Get ahead with your fly control this year using this best practices [article](#).

Biosecurity Status: RED

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

HPAI Update:

All active zones have moved to Security Zone status. Information on zone designations can be found on the [Producer Portal](#). Information on current zoning within Canada can be found [here](#).

Post Outbreak Surveillance is currently being completed for zone releases. Please ensure you answer the phone for CFIA, as call numbers may be from out-of-province. Zone releases will be dependent on full participation of Post Outbreak Surveillance.

While permit surveillance requirements have been lifted, General Permits are still required for all movements offsite. Staff continue to create and submit appropriate permits for hatching egg-related movements. Please ensure you notify Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of any offsite pullet, spiking male, and manure movements.

On-farm & BQEP staff have resumed all on-farm attendance.

Confidential Biosecurity Assessment for Producers:

Broiler Hatching Egg Producers are invited to complete a confidential biosecurity questionnaire and SE testing for this CHEP research survey. Your input will support a national overview, and you will be provided with a personalized biosecurity assessment. Details attached below.

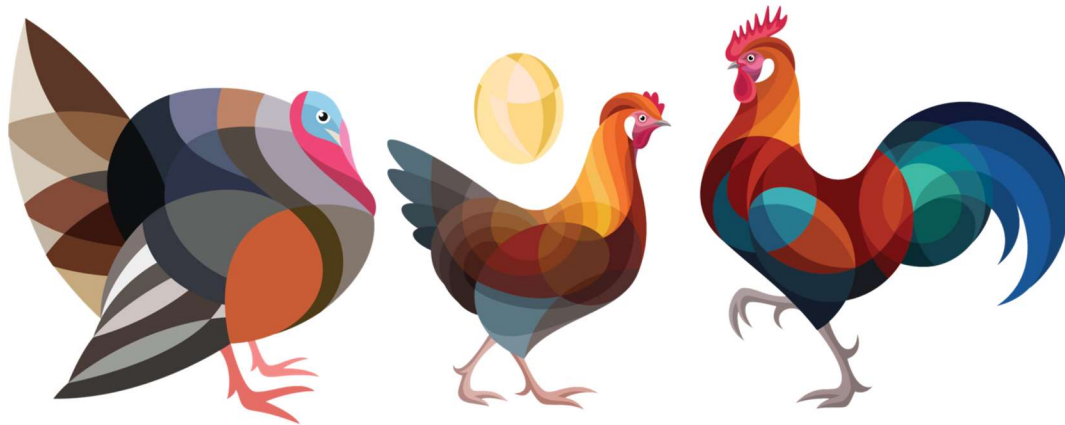
Barn Specifications Reminder:

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.





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

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).

