

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Thank You for Being Part of Our Christmas Social:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the BCBHEC Christmas Social on December 3 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre. It was a wonderful evening of drinks, appetizers, and great conversation with fellow producers and industry colleagues. We truly appreciate you taking the time to attend and celebrate with us!

Invitation to Comment – 2026–2028 Strategic Priorities:

We have posted our drafted 2026–2028 Strategic Priorities on the Commission’s [website](#) and are seeking stakeholder feedback. Please submit any comments by December 12 for consideration at the December 17 Commission meeting.

Save the Date – 2026 BC Poultry Conference March 12-13, 2026:

Registration is open for the 2026 BC Poultry Conference. To view the program, accommodation details, and reserve your spot, please visit the [website](#).

BQEP Truck Holiday Schedule:

The BQEP truck will not be operating on Dec. 24, 26, 29, 30 and 31. If you will need extra supplies, please reach out to Barry prior to these dates to secure delivery.

BCBHEPA Board News: Appointment & Recruitment:

Your Producer Association is pleased to welcome Jason Matlak to the BCBHEPA Board. Jason and Kim operate a farm in Dewdney and have been part of the industry for 13 years. Welcome to the team!

With this appointment, the Board is now full. Looking ahead, two terms (Colin and Bruce) conclude in March 2026. As both have completed their commitments, we are seeking nominations or volunteers to fill these upcoming vacancies before the AGM. Board commitment includes one four-hour meeting each month and several committee meetings throughout the year. The Board plays an important role in advancing the BCBHEPA’s vision and ensuring producers maintain a strong, balanced voice.

Upcoming Meeting Items:

We will be reviewing director per diem updates, lease pricing, and spiking male pricing. Producers have requested the Association help establish suggested rates, which will be discussed: spiking males at \$40 per bird and leasing at \$15 per bird at placement.

CPRC Launches Updated Website:

The Canadian Poultry Research Council has launched a refreshed [website](#) highlighting Canadian poultry research, success stories, and current funding opportunities.

AgriBusiness Planning Program Now Open:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food’s AgriBusiness Planning Program is now [open](#). The program runs until December 8 and includes two available streams.

Canadian Food Guardians Campaign:

A new national social media campaign was launched on November 7. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the role of Canada’s supply-managed farmers in upholding our nation’s food security. The campaign is in collaboration with Dairy Farmers of Canada, Chicken Farmers of Canada, Canadian Hatching Egg Producers, Egg Farmers of Canada, and Turkey Farmers of Canada. Visit the [webpage](#), and watch the 15-second [video](#)!

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
A-195	2.1871 \$/kg	770.45 ¢/doz	80.26 ¢/chick	106.26 ¢/chick
A-196	2.2873 \$/kg	783.00 ¢/doz	81.56 ¢/chick	107.56 ¢/chick
A-197	2.2544 \$/kg	785.53 ¢/doz	81.83 ¢/chick	107.83 ¢/chick
A-198	2.2342 \$/kg	786.38 ¢/doz	81.91 ¢/chick	107.91 ¢/chick
A-199	2.2340 \$/kg	780.33 ¢/doz	81.28 ¢/chick	109.21 ¢/chick

PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:
81.3%

Average Lay Cycle End:
59.5 Weeks

Under or Over-Placement Communications:

Producers are reminded that should there be an under or over-placement of hens that their next steps are to communicate with both the hatchery manager and Commission staff. Depending on the circumstance, an attempt will be made to source additional hens or monitor mortality to bring the net placement down to the correct placement amount.

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 June 2026).

Quota Billboard Reminder:

Producers are encouraged to regularly review the [Quota Billboard](#) for current opportunities related to quota leasing, purchasing, or sales.

Production Cycles		
Period	Start Date	End Date
A-195	Apr 6, 2025	May 30, 2025
A-196	Jun 1, 2025	Jul 26, 2025
A-197	Jul 27, 2025	Sep 20, 2025
A-198	Sep 21, 2025	Nov 15, 2025
A-199	Nov 30, 2025	Jan 10, 2026

ON-FARM

2025 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 49
Premises Completed: 45

Hatching Egg Tip

“Understanding what the gut needs at any time in the bird’s life ensures we provide the bird with the support it needs, when it needs it.”
Click [here](#) for more information on gut health.

Biosecurity Status: RED

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

HPAI Zoning Update:

Fraser Valley zones 1-11 are active. Producers are responsible for knowing their zone obligations for moving product. Log onto the [Producer Portal](#) to find this information and more.

Please reach out to Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com and Rae at onfarmtech@bcbhec.com to organize movement permits for pullets, manure, and spiking males. Be sure to watch your inbox for future updates from the Poultry Industry EOC.

Processing Obligations Reminder:

Producers are required to submit Load Out Reports to the Commission following flock processing. Please submit these reports to Sherry at production@bcbhec.com.

A reminder that all medications, inclusive of medicated feed, administered within 120 days of processing are required to be reported on Spent Broiler Breeder Flock Sheets. Please ensure you review your feed schedule and ensure proper administration and documentation.

Producer Recruitment Letter – Salmonella & HPAI Research Project:

As you know, CHEP is supporting a research project with CRIPA and the University of Montreal to examine risk factors for Salmonella and HPAI on broiler hatching egg farms. Attached is a producer recruitment letter with additional information about the project.

Employee Hiring Screening:

A reminder that CHEP offers free employee hiring screening for producers looking to screen potential employees. For more information and screening services, please forward requests to Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com.

Audit Program Reminder:

Producers are required to provide annual supplier letters of assurance during Schedule 5 program audits from allied trades such as hatcheries, transporters, feed, and sawdust companies. Please ensure supplier letters of assurance are annually updated within your audit files.





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MERRY CHRISTMAS



BC POULTRY
CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS:
OCTOBER 31, 2025



2026 MARCH 12 - 13, 2026
COAST LANGLEY CITY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

BC Turkey Association and BC Turkey Marketing Board
BC Chicken Growers Association & BC Chicken Marketing Board
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Association & BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

Enhanced Biosecurity “Red”



*These measures are **in addition to your “Green” and “Yellow” biosecurity protocols**¹ 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.