

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Invitation to the 2026 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 12, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the Coast Hotel and Convention Centre. Registration for the Poultry Conference is not mandatory to attend the AGM.

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](#).

Producer-Only Meeting – February 17, 2026:

The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission will be hosting a Producer-Only Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre, Abbotsford, in the Mount Baker Room. Please confirm your attendance by emailing Michaela at [admin@bcbhec.com](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com).

Request for Stakeholder Feedback – 2025 Strategic Plan Initiatives:

Over the past year, the Commission has advanced key priorities aimed at strengthening the sector, supporting producers, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the hatching egg industry. The draft documents available on our [website](#) reflect this work and outline both the Commission’s strategic direction and operational focus. Stakeholder roundtable will be held in February.

Poultry in Motion (PiM) Updates & Events – Now on Instagram:

PiM has an Instagram [account](#)! Their page includes regular updates, event information, and highlights from the activities they’re attending. Following their account is a great way for producers and industry partners to stay up to date on what’s happening with PiM.

Extreme Weather Preparedness Funding – Applications Still Open:

The Investment Agriculture Foundation is happy to share that Extreme Weather Preparedness (EWP) is now a member of the Beneficial Management Practices family. The EWP provides cost-share funding up to \$50,000 to increase the resiliency of existing farming infrastructure for extreme weather events. Applications are accepted until full funding is reached. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA):

The government of British Columbia has announced DFA for people, businesses and communities affected by flooding from December 10-19, 2025. DFA helps cover uninsurable losses from disasters. The deadline to apply is April 13, 2026. To apply for DFA, click [here](#) or visit their [website](#) for more information.

CPRC 2026 Winter Bulletin Released:

The Canadian Poultry Research Council’s 2026 Bulletin is now available. Please visit the [link](#) to gather more information and explore the opportunities currently listed on their website.

BCBHEPA Board News – Recruitment:

The Association plays a key role in advancing the BCBHEPA’s vision and ensuring producers continue to have a strong, balanced voice. Two Association terms (Colin and Bruce) will conclude in March 2026. As both directors will have completed their commitments, the BCBHEPA is seeking nominations or volunteers to fill these upcoming vacancies ahead of the AGM. Board service includes one four-hour meeting per month, along with participation in several committee meetings throughout the year.

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-200	2.2159 \$/kg	782.18 ¢/doz	81.48 ¢/chick	109.41 ¢/chick



PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:  
80.8%

Average Lay Cycle End:  
59.2 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 August 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-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
A-200	Jan 11, 2026	Feb 28, 2026

ON-FARM

2025 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 49  
Premises Completed: 48

2026 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54  
Premises Completed: 2

Hatching Egg Tip

Body weight, nutrition, maturity, and light stimulation can affect peak production hen mortality.  
Read more about this interesting topic [here](#).

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 3-6 are active. Some zones have recently been revoked. For more information, visit the CFIA's zone [map](#). Movements may require permits depending on the origin and destination of the product. Producers are responsible for knowing their zone obligations for moving product. Log onto our [website](#) to find this information and more.

Please reach out to Kaitlyn at [kaitlyn@bcbhec.com](mailto:kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) and Rae at [onfarmtech@bcbhec.com](mailto: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 Riesa at [production@bcbhec.com](mailto: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:

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](mailto:kaitlyn@bcbhec.com).

Audit Program Reminder:

Producers are required to provide flock feed slips during their Schedule 5 Program Audit. Please ensure either electronic or physical copies are available during audit appointments.



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BC BROILER HATCHING EGG PRODUCER ASSOCIATION

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March

Thursday

12

2026

1:00PM TO 3:30PM | 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.





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**<sup>1</sup> 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)*

<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 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](mailto: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](mailto:marie-lou.gaucher@umontreal.ca)).

