



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Invitation to the 2026 BCBHEC and BCBHEPA AGM & BC Poultry Conference:

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. Please note that registration for the Poultry Conference is not required to attend the AGM. Registration is still open for the 2026 BC Poultry Conference, taking place March 12–13, 2026. To view the conference program, accommodation details, and reserve your spot, please visit the [website](#).

BQEP Truck Schedule Update:

The Breaker Quality Egg Program truck will be off the road from March 23–27. If you are scheduled for pickup during this time or anticipate needing supplies, please contact Barry in advance to arrange delivery.

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.

AgriStability – Key Deadlines & Updates:

AgriStability is a low-cost program that helps protect your farm if your net income drops by 30% or more due to income loss or rising expenses. If you have questions, call 1-877-343-2767, email AgriStability@gov.bc.ca, or visit gov.bc.ca/AgriStability. Support is available Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Deadlines:

- 2026 Enrolment: April 30, 2026
- 2025 Interim Payment: March 31, 2026 (up to 50% early payment available)
- Statement A: June 30, 2026 (final deadline September 30, 2026)

Emergency Planning & Preparedness Sessions:

The BC Agriculture Council and AgSafe are hosting sessions on emergency planning and preparedness tools for producers. An in-person session will take place at Abbotsford Exhibition Park on March 11 at 7:00 PM, with an online session available on March 24 at 1:00 PM. These sessions are designed to help producers strengthen on-farm emergency preparedness and response planning. Registration information is attached.

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-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
A-201	2.2931 \$/kg	779.18 ¢/doz	81.16 ¢/chick	109.09 ¢/chick

PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

80.6%

Average Lay Cycle End:

59.8 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.

Annual Utilization Memos:

Annual utilization memos were distributed to producers on February 27, 2026. For ACP and barn specification-related questions, contact Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com. For Quota & Placement Sheets and placement-related questions, contact Riesa at production@bcbhec.com.

PRS Portal Access – Login Information Distributed:

Information on how to access the PRS portal, including login details and passwords, has been distributed to producers. If you require assistance gaining access, please contact Michaela at admin@bcbhec.com.

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 2026).

Quota Billboard Reminder:

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

Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-201	Mar 8, 2026	May 3, 2026

ON-FARM

2025 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 49
Premises Completed: 49

2026 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54
Premises Completed: 5

Hatching Egg Tip

The success or failure of a broiler breeder flock is often dictated by pullet management. 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 2-4 are active. Zone 5 has 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 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.

Cobb Academy:

Interested in learning more from Cobb technical experts? Sign up for [Cobb Academy](#) and dive in to access free educational courses.

Spiking Male Reminder:

Producers are reminded that spiking males transferred premises to premises, between lay houses, must be tested and registered through the Commission office. Contact Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com or Rae at onfarmtech@bcbhec.com for more information.

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.



BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION
&

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 FARMERS AND RANCHERS: ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Emergencies can strike without warning. Make sure your farm is ready.

BC Agriculture Council and AgSafe are offering **Producer Emergency Awareness Sessions** to help you strengthen your emergency response and resilience. We've also made it easy for you to access some **key emergency planning tools**.

These sessions help you:

- Build a farm-specific emergency plan
- Understand B.C.'s emergency response framework
- Use tools like the Access Pass System and Premises ID
- Understand the role of your local Emergency Operations Centre and how to connect with them

REGISTER HERE:



bcac.ca/emergency-planning

REGISTER NOW FOR A SESSION IN:

- **Abbotsford (Abbotsford Exhibition Park)** – March 11th at 7:00 pm



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.