



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

2026 BC Poultry Conference and AGM:

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's 2026 Poultry Conference and BCBHEC AGM. Your participation made it a remarkable event with an incredible turnout.

BCBHEPA Board Update – Director Appointment:

Brandon Bisschop has joined the PA Board as a Director, and Bruce Apperloo will continue in his role as President. We would like to thank Colin Bruekelman for his contributions to the Producer Association.

Upcoming Election – Independent Elections Officer (IEO) Message:

The 2026 BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission election will begin on April 9, 2026. Watch your email for the Notice of Election, Nomination Form, and Voting Producer Form. If your notice isn't in your inbox, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the IEO.

CHEP 2025 Annual Report:

Please visit our [website](#) to view the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers' 2025 Annual Report

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
- Statement A: June 30, 2026 (final deadline September 30, 2026)

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:

80.3%

Average Lay Cycle End:

60.3 Weeks

Production Cycles		
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

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, with updated Quota & Placement Sheets distributed on March 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 Producer Reporting System (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 October 2026).

Quota Billboard Reminder:

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

ON-FARM

2026 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54

Premises Completed: 8

Hatching Egg Tip

Feathers provide important functions for bird health.

Read more about how flock feathering can be a key identifier of issues and how to mitigate them [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, 10, and 11 are active. 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.

Barn Specification Update Reminder:

If you are building, renovating, or installing equipment within a barn and have not been in contact with the On-Farm team, please contact Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com. A reminder that producers are responsible for ensuring barns are inspected by Commission staff a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the next flock placement in the airspace as this may impact your placement number.

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.

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.