



**INDUSTRY INFORMATION**

**2026 BCBHEC Election Results Announcement:**

Congratulations to Beata Kunze of VB Kunze Farms Ltd., who has been acclaimed to the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission for a four-year term starting June 1, 2026. Please see the attached letter for full details.

**Quota Policy Review Decision:**

On May 1, 2026, the Commission approved the proposed changes to its quota management rules and policies as written in the Commission’s Quota Policy Review Decision, subject to BCFIRB’s approval. The Decision and underlying Quota Policy Review documents are available [here](#).

**BCBHEC Producer Coffee Meetings May 20 and 21, 2026:**

We are hosting three coffee meeting sessions focused on growth and future opportunities. Please note that space is limited, and RSVP is required, as we are unable to accommodate drop-in attendees. All sessions will take place at the BCBHEC office, located at 1848 McCallum Road, Unit 210, Abbotsford. To reserve your spot, please email Michaela at [admin@bcbhec.com](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com).

**Meeting Dates and Times:**

- Wednesday, May 20 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 20 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- Thursday, May 21 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Save the Date – Open Producer Meeting June 11, 2026:**

Please join us for an Open Producer Meeting in the Summit Room at the Clarion Hotel, located at 36035 N Parallel Road in Abbotsford. We value your participation and look forward to seeing you there.

**Save the Date – Hatching Egg Producers’ and Chicken Growers’ Picnic July 2, 2026:**

Join us on July 2, 2026, at Fort Langley Park: 23055 St. Andrews Street. Hatching egg producers, Growers, allied trades and families are invited for a fun-filled day rain or shine. See you there!

**Producer Survey: HPAI Prevention Tools & Funding Updates:**

The BC Poultry Association (BCPA) is leading the BC Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Tools and Technology Working Group to evaluate solutions that help producers prevent HPAI.

Producers are invited to complete a short, anonymous survey (5–10 minutes). Participants will be entered into a draw to win one of two \$250 gift cards.

The survey is open until **5:00 PM on Monday, May 11:** [Link attached](#)

The Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) will also be launching another intake of its Novel Tools and Technology (NTT) program soon, supporting items such as mechanical filters, UV light systems, and positive pressure upgrades. Producers interested in applying are encouraged to review last year’s program guide, connect with suppliers, and sign up for IAF updates.

**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](mailto:admin@bcbhec.com).

**PRICING**

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-202	2.2416 \$/kg	773.52 ¢/doz	80.58 ¢/chick	108.20 ¢/chick

## PRODUCTION

### Year-To-Date Hatchability:

80.3%

### Average Lay Cycle End:

60.0 Weeks

Production Cycles		
Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-202	May 3, 2026	Jun 28, 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. A memo on important updates was sent on April 24, 2026. For ACP and barn specification-related questions, contact Kaitlyn at [kaitlyn@bcbhec.com](mailto:kaitlyn@bcbhec.com). For Quota & Placement Sheets and placement-related questions, contact Riesa at [production@bcbhec.com](mailto:production@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 November 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: 15

### Hatching Egg Tip

Ensuring correct administration of spray vaccines is vital to vaccine efficacy.

Read more about spray vaccination [here](#).

### Biosecurity Status: YELLOW

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

### HPAI Update:

All active zones have been revoked. Permits are no longer required for bird or product movement offsite.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) or Rae at [onfarmtech@bcbhec.com](mailto:onfarmtech@bcbhec.com) for more information.

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**VIA EMAIL**

Kevin Klippenstein, Chair  
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission  
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Dear Kevin,

**RE: 2026 BCBHEC Director Election Results**

The 2026 Election for Members of the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission has concluded. The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission's 2026 Election Schedule provided a vacancy for one (1) position representing Registered Producers.

As prescribed by the schedule, Registered Producers were advised of the vacancy and of the nomination procedures.

One (1) valid nomination was received by the deadline therefore no vote was conducted. We declare Beata Kunze of VB Kunze Farms Ltd. acclaimed to the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission, for a four-year term.

The 2026 BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission's election was conducted according to the BCBHEC's Election Rules and Procedures approved February 26, 2025, by the BC Farm Industry Review Board.

Regards,



Sarah Loehndorf  
General Manager  
BC Council of Marketing Boards

cc Martha Anslow, Executive Director, BC Farm Industry Review Board  
cc Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director, BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission  
cc Michaela DeVries, BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission, Office Administrator

## Heightened Biosecurity “Yellow”



*These measures are **in addition to your “Green” biosecurity procedures<sup>1</sup>** and should be applied when there is a heightened disease risk or other threats in your region within BC.*

### **Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)**

- CAZ barrier should be closed at all times
- Restrict CAZ access to all unnecessary vehicles
- Establish a parking area outside of your CAZ
- Implement an “Essential Visitors Only” policy
- Minimize contact with all other avian (bird) and porcine (swine) species
- Minimize contact with all other poultry operations
- No mortalities and cull eggs to leave premise except on recommendation of a governing body (i.e. board/commission, veterinary, CFIA etc.)

### **Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)**

- Keep doors locked at all times when the building is not occupied by personnel
- Closely monitor flock health for decreased feed and water intake, increased mortality, and unusual behaviour. Report any of the above to your Veterinarian and commodity board
- Clean and disinfect traffic area and access points after each egg pick up
- Minimize contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

### **Equipment**

- All equipment and materials related to the production of poultry that enter or leave the CAZ, regardless of size or use, must be clean and disinfected

<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.