



INDUSTRY INFORMATION

RDIP Applications Now Closed – July 31, 2026:

Applications for the Regional Diversification Incentive Program officially closed on **July 31, 2026**. Thank you to everyone who took the time to prepare and submit an application. We appreciate your interest in the program and look forward to the review process in the coming weeks.

Save the Date – Producer Meeting | October 8, 2026:

Please save the date for our upcoming Producer Meeting, taking place on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Mt. Baker Room at the Clarion Hotel. The meeting will include an open session, and industry participants are encouraged to attend that portion of the evening. Further details regarding the agenda and timing of the open session will be provided closer to the meeting date.

Research Participants Wanted – Rodent Management Study:

The University of Alberta is seeking Fraser Valley producers to participate in a research study exploring the challenges and successes of rodent management in British Columbia and Alberta. Participation includes two interviews (one in 2026 and one follow-up in 2027) and an optional on-farm tour to better understand rodent management practices. If you are interested in participating, please refer to the attached recruitment materials below for additional information.

BC Agriculture Council Member Programs:

The BC Agriculture Council (BCAC) offers programs to help support B.C. farmers, including the BC Farmer ID Card and the BCAC Employee Benefits Plan. Learn how these programs can help you save money and access valuable benefits. Please see the attached promotional materials for more information.

Quota Billboard Reminder:

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

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.

PRICING

Pricing Orders				
Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-203	2.2708 \$/kg	801.99 ¢/doz	83.54 ¢/chick	110.85 ¢/chick

PRODUCTION

Year-To-Date Hatchability:

79.5%

Average Lay Cycle End:

58.7 Weeks

Production Cycles		
Period	Start Date	End Date
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 27, 2026
A-203	Jun 28, 2026	Jul 22, 2026

Under or Over-Placement Communications:

Producers are reminded to notify both the hatchery manager and Commission staff of any under or over-placement of hens. Depending on the situation, additional hens may be sourced or mortality monitored to achieve the correct net placement.

Annual Utilization Memos:

Annual utilization memos, updated Quota & Placement Sheets, and additional updates were distributed between February and April 2026. These were again updated and distributed in June for the opportunity sleeves. For ACP and barn specification questions, contact Kaitlyn at kaitlyn@bcbhec.com. For Quota & Placement Sheet and placement questions, contact Riesa at 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 February 2027).

ON-FARM

2026 Audit Stats

Total Premises to Audit: 54
Premises Completed: 30

Hatching Egg Tip

Healthy and mature broiler breeder males require accurate feed equipment management.
Read more on managing male straight line pan feeders [here](#).

Biosecurity Status: GREEN

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

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.

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.

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 resources.

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.





UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM

Title of Study: An Anthropology of Rodents and Rodent Science Communication: A comparative study of pest knowledge producers in British Columbia and in Alberta

Principal Investigator:

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you take part, a member of the study team is available to explain the project and you are free to ask any questions about anything you do not understand. You will be given a copy of this form for your records.

Why am I being asked to take part in this research study?

You are being asked to take part in this research study because you have expressed interest in sharing your stories about your encounters with rodents and you are over 18 years old. You also may be a rodent manager in British Columbia or in Alberta.

*The goal of this study is to explore the challenges and successes of rodent management in two different provinces with different rodent management needs. The researchers want 1) to **understand** frictional encounters between humans and rodents; 2) to **analyze** how knowledge producers navigate and address these frictional encounters through pest management and science communication; and 3) to **assess** the efficacy of their navigation through follow ups with the people who have those encounters and through rodent wildlife data.*

The people who manage rodents and the people who encounter rodents have the expertise to give us this information. We know that oftentimes, these people are not listened to and we want to create a space where their expertise can be heard.

What is the reason for doing the study?

This study exists in part because pest species are on the rise due to climate change. As the historically rat-free province of Alberta and its bordering rat-populated province, BC, both have increasing urbanization and human population growth, the danger for rodents as an invasive species and zoonotic disease vectors is especially concerning. Rodents are nuisance animals that cause harm to humans and, yet, are drastically understudied. Understanding both the frictional encounters between rodents and humans as well as how rodent managers navigate and intervene in them will help pest management become more effective as well as reduce the harm rodents cause humans.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be taking part in two interviews, an initial interview about your experiences with rodents and a follow-up six-twelve months later. If you consent, the interviews will be audio-recorded without any identifying information included. If not, the researcher will note your answers on a questionnaire. The interview can take 30 minutes to 1.5 hours, depending on how much detail you go into regarding your rat encounters.

If you are a rodent manager, you will also have researchers follow along with you during professional activities, taking observational notes while you conduct rat trappings, rat infestation research, professional meetings, etc. This will involve a tour of your farm and the researcher asking you questions about why rodents are a problem, which rodents are a problem, and how you solve these problems.

Notes and interviews will be transcribed onto a secure server and completely separate from any identifying information.

Anything you do not want to be included in the study will be excluded, at your word. Anything you want to be included will be included. Any time you do not want to answer a question, you can say that you do not want to answer. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time and your data will be expunged from the study if you want.

With your consent, anonymized data study information will be stored in a secure data repository to facilitate future research.

What are the risks and discomforts?

There is a risk of some discomfort when recounting your experiences with rodents. Some people may experience bad feelings when describing rodents and their encounters with them. If you need to take breaks during the interviews or if you would rather not describe things that make you uncomfortable, feel free to skip questions or stop the interview at any time.

It is not possible to know all of the risks that may happen in a study, but the researchers have taken all reasonable safeguards to minimize any known risks to a study participant.

What are the benefits to me?

This study intends to take note of two groups of people who have expertise on rodents: 1. Those who have encounters with them and 2. Those who have to manage them as professionals. You may feel a sense of pride of having your knowledge included as expertise.

In addition, your expertise will benefit a wider goal of knowledge about rodent management and rodent science communication. 1. For academic audiences and scholarly associations, researching rodents addresses gaps in both sociological and biological fields. By researching the sociocultural issues that condition rat knowledge production, scientists will better know how to navigate the norms and barriers to their research and anthropologists will better know how to integrate commensal nuisance creatures, also reframing human beings as generalist pest species; 2. For practitioner circles in pest industries, the research will provide evidence for best practices when it comes to effective pest management, navigating stigmas around pest management, and pest science communication; 3. For policymakers in BC and AB, the research provides evidence on how policies should address the frictional encounters between humans and rodents and what potential barriers and solutions may arise; and 4. For the public, the research will result in better science communication about rodent management.

Do I have to take part in the study?

Being in this study is your choice. If you decide to be in the study, you can change your mind and stop being in the study at any point. To withdraw from the study please let someone on the research team know—this can be at any point during data collection, even during the interview itself. Data collection will last until May 30, 2027. You will receive reminders of this and updates regarding data collection in case you want to withdraw from the study.

If you would like all or some of your data expunged from the study, your data will be deleted. Even if you remain in the research study, you may choose to withdraw some or all of your responses by contacting anyone on the research team by the end of the data collection in May 2027. We are unable to remove your answers after that time because we will anticipate data outputs (such as publications) to be drafted after that date.

You may refuse to answer questions that you do not want to answer.

Will my information be kept private?

During this study we will do everything we can to make sure that all information you provide is kept private. No information relating to this study that includes your name will be released outside of the researcher's office or published by the researchers unless you give us your express permission. Sometimes, by law, we may have to release your information with your name so we cannot guarantee absolute privacy. However, we will make every legal effort to make sure that your information is kept private.

When your interview is transcribed, we will assign a pseudonym (fake name) to protect your identity. If you would like to choose your own fake-name or if you choose to use your real name, please indicate this on the last page of this document.

All identifying information will be kept on a separate physical hard drive from the data we collect. De-identified data will be kept on a Gmail server with the University of Alberta and password protected. Because gmail servers are located outside of Canada, the data information is stored outside of Canada and it may be subject to the privacy legislation of those territories which may include access by governmental agents.

During research studies it is important that the data we get is accurate. For this reason, your data, including your name, may be looked at by people from the Research Ethics Board.

After the study is done, we will still need to securely store your data that was collected as part of the study. The data will be stored in a password protected server with the University of Alberta gmail drives. At the University of Alberta, we keep data stored for a minimum of 5 years. Identifiable data (like the physical hard drive of consent forms) will be destroyed after the 5-year minimum, but the anonymized/de-identified data will be kept indefinitely for the purpose of research re-use.

After the study is done, study data will be stored in a secure data repository, in a gmail drive with the University of Alberta to facilitate re-use of the data by approved researchers. Any personal information, such as your first and last name that could identify you will be removed or changed prior to sharing study data with other researchers. Any researcher who wants to use this data must have the new project reviewed by an ethics board and sign an agreement ensuring your confidentiality and restricting data use only to the approved project. Your data may be linked with other data for research purposes only to increase the usefulness of the data, as subject to scientific and ethical oversight as mentioned above.

What if I have questions?

If you have any questions about the research now or later, please contact Dr. Darcie DeAngelo at deangelo@ualberta.ca.

If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University of Alberta Research Ethics Office at ethics@ualberta.ca or (780)492-2615 and quote Ethics ID Pro00155483. This office is independent of the researchers.

The study is being conducted/sponsored by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council's Insight Development Grant. The Institution and Principal Investigator are getting money from the study sponsor to cover the costs of doing this study. You are entitled to request any details concerning this compensation from the Principal Investigator.

How do I indicate my agreement to be in this study?

By signing below, you understand:

- That you have read the above information and have had anything that you do not understand explained to you to your satisfaction.
- That you will be taking part in a research study.
- That you may freely leave the research study at any time.
- That you do not waive your legal rights by being in the study
- That the legal and professional obligations of the researchers and involved institutions are not changed by your taking part in this study.
- That you agree to the data being stored as part of a data repository (where applicable)

SIGNATURE OF STUDY PARTICIPANT

Name of Participant

Pseudonym

Signature of Participant

Date

SIGNATURE OF PERSON OBTAINING CONSENT

Name of Person Obtaining Consent

Contact Email or Number

A copy of this consent form has been given to you to keep for your records and reference.

Have you encountered rats? Do you manage rodents?

A RESEARCH PROJECT

ARE YOU OVER THE AGE OF 18?

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES?

If you answer “yes” to these questions, please contact Darcie DeAngelo, an Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta, the PI of the study, : An Anthropology of Rodent Management, (REB ID Pro00155483), to discuss her research and see if you would like to contribute. If you agree to be interviewed for the study, you will be asked to participate in two 30-90 minute interview about your encounters with rodents (one in the summer of 2026 and a follow up via phone the next year). If you agree, you can also allow a 30-60 minute tour of your farm where the researcher will see how you conduct rodent trappings, rodent infestation searches, etc. This will involve a tour of your farm and the researcher asking you questions about why rodents are a problem, which rodents are a problem, and how you solve these problems.

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Participation is entirely voluntary, confidential and anonymous.

Short Description of the Study

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Short Description of the Principal Investigator

Darcie DeAngelo is an assistant professor at the University of Alberta in the Department of Anthropology. She is conducting research to understand rodent management in two provinces, Alberta and British Columbia. Dr. DeAngelo has over a decade of experience in multispecies social science, focused on a domesticated companion species, landmine detection rats. Her first book, *How to Love a Rat*, published by the University of California Press, received the Julian Steward Prize from the American Anthropological Association in 2025 for the best environmental ethnography. Her second book, due out in with W. W. & Norton in 2027, focuses on rat and human encounters across space and time, featuring her research on rodent management in Washington, D.C. In 2023, she received a yearlong fellowship to conduct preliminary research on rats as pests. For the year 2023-24, she conducted preliminary research with pest management stakeholders across North America. This new project represents an important response to her previous studies where she discovered gaps in the research. While much scholarship explores lab rats, little attention is given to the pests at our feet. Her research demonstrated a need for social science inquiry because producing knowledge about rats is a “social question” in that sociocultural values condition its research and pests also exert social agency over these values. In 2025, she was awarded an SSHRC Insight Development Grant for this new research on rats. Her research will attend to how people on the ground manage rodents and their rodent management needs by asking them about their practices and knowledge when it comes to the rodents they encounter.



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Regular Biosecurity “Green”

(Approved by the BCPA September 21, 2023)



These are the measures outlined in the BC Biosecurity Program¹ and must be followed on a daily basis. These measures must be in place to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases.

Ensure that all personnel entering your premise follow your biosecurity protocols and sign in on your Visitor Log. Ensure there is enough room for personnel to park off road ways without entering your CAZ. The CAZ and RAZ zones must display proper biosecurity signage on barn doors and CAZ barriers (gates or chains) are to be kept closed when not in use.

Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)

- Identify your CAZ
- Maintain a secure physical barrier (gate or chain) at the CAZ entrance
- Restrict movement in and out of your CAZ
- Have the ability to wash and disinfect vehicles or equipment entering and exiting your CAZ
- Regularly maintain your CAZ – Keep vegetation low, clean up debris, and grade driveways to avoid standing water

Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Identify your RAZ
- Maintain a permanent and visible demarcation (a physical barrier is highly recommended)
- Only allow essential personnel into your RAZ
- Any equipment entering the RAZ must be free of visible organic matter

Farmers and Employees Accessing the Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Wash and sanitize your hands or wear disposable gloves
- Change foot wear
- Clothing worn in the RAZ should be changed before going out in public

Visitors Accessing the Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Must wash and sanitize their hands or wear disposable gloves
- Must wear premise specific coveralls and RAZ specific boots.

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.