



## BRITISH COLUMBIA CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD UPDATE FOR November 2011

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### 1. A-109 Allocation

The total national allocation (including MD) for period **A-109** (January 29 to March 24, 2012) was set by the CFC Board of Directors on November 9, 2011 at **201,472,181** kilograms live weight. This represents **2.0% above** the adjusted base for the period. Market Development at **10,342,668** kilograms live weight represents **5.13%** of the national domestic allocation.

### BC's share of the allocation is:

Domestic	29,428,416 kilograms live weight.
Market Development	1,985,000 kilograms live weight.
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,413,416 kilograms live weight.</b>

MD represents **6.74%** of BC's domestic allocation for the period. Allotments to BC growers for period A-109 will be **93.64%** domestic pro-rata.

Assurance of supply leases to growers to fulfill the requirements of regional processors for period A-109 are **284,824** kilograms live weight, or **.96%** of the domestic allocation.



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## 2. A-106 Production Statistics.

A-106				
Mainstream Growers	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Over/(Under)	% Of Allocation
<b>Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment</b>	<b>272</b>			
<b>Growers over 110% of allotment</b>	8	2.94%	52,013	1.39%
<b>Growers over 106% of allotment</b>	38	13.97%	241,181	9.39%
Growers between 100% and 105.9% of allotment	109	40.07%	373,760	46.25%
Growers between 94% and 99.9% of allotment	94	34.56%	(250,985)	35.92%
Growers between 90% and 93.9% of allotment	22	8.09%	(157,927)	6.74%
Growers below 90% of allotment	9	3.31%	(91,320)	1.70%
<b>Growers below 94% of allotment</b>	29	10.66%	(226,943)	7.23%
Column Totals	272	100%	114,709	100%
<b>BC Utilization</b>	101.29%			

A-106				
Average Live Weight	# Growers	% of Total Growers	# Kgs Produced	% Of Production
<b>Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment</b>	<b>272</b>			
1.600 kg and below	0	0.00%	-	0.00%
1.601 – 1.700 kg	5	1.84%	537,689	1.75%
1.701 – 1.780 kg	4	1.47%	193,669	0.63%
1.781 – 1.850 kg	7	2.57%	527,172	1.72%
1.851 – 1.950 kg	13	4.78%	1,876,543	6.11%
1.951 – 2.020 kg	23	8.46%	2,983,189	9.71%
2.021 – 2.100 kg	49	18.01%	6,410,995	20.86%
2.101 – 2.170 kg	33	12.13%	3,474,886	11.31%
2.171 – 2.250 kg	35	12.87%	4,227,315	13.75%
2.251 – 2.500 kg	92	33.82%	9,650,176	31.40%
2.501 – 2.730 kg	11	4.04%	852,567	2.77%
2.731 – 3.180 kg	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
3.181 kg and above	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Column Totals	272	100.00%	30,734,201	100.00%

## 3. Appeals update.

Mr. Ben VanEck has appealed the decision of the Board to refuse to issue him a 2,000 birds/annum permit under Part 51 Permits of the January 23, 2006 General Orders. The hearing was heard on October 7, 2011 at the Super 8 Hotel in Abbotsford, BC. A written decision is expected within the next 60 days.

Recent appeal decisions can be accessed on our website at [www.bcchicken.ca](http://www.bcchicken.ca)

#### **4. Current market conditions. (With thanks to CFC Chicken Fax)**

- As of September 30, 2011, **904.8 Mkg** of fresh chicken was available for the Canadian market, **2.0% more** than in 2010.
- Year to date production to September 30, 2011 was **776.2 Mkg 0.8% or 6.4 Mkg more** than the same period in 2010.
- Year to date imports for 2011 have reached **128.6 Mkg, 9.8% or 11.5 Mkg higher** than during the same period last year.
- Fresh supplies consist of total imports added to domestic production. Fresh supplies in August and September were **1.2% higher and 4.0% lower**, respectively, than in the corresponding months of 2010.
- Frozen chicken inventories on October 1, 2011 were **35.4 Mkg, 1.7 Mkg lower** than the previous month and **2.8 Mkg higher** than on October 1, 2010.
- Production in August and September was **1.1 Mkg higher and 2.0 Mkg lower**, respectively, compared to the same months in the previous year.
- Imports (as reported by AAFC) were **13.2 Mkg** in August and **15.4 Mkg** in September, **0.1 Mkg higher and 2.1 Mkg lower** respectively, to the same months of the previous year.
- Producer prices in period **A-106 are 7.3 cents higher** than those of period A-105 in most provinces. On average, the Canadian live price in **A-106 is 31.0 cents higher** than in the corresponding weeks of the previous year. The Ontario live price for A-107 is \$1.689/kg.

- **Canadian Wholesale Chicken Prices. (cents/kg)**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>Change</b>
Market composite	347.7	329.6	5.5%
Whole bird complex	344.2	320.6	7.4%
Breast complex	518.7	496.3	4.5%
Wing complex	489.1	475.0	3.0%
Leg complex	291.5	276.9	5.3%

## **5. Allocation Setting Dates:**

Future allocation dates will be published in monthly Board updates so that growers can be aware when the next unallocated period is being set.

The dates will assist growers in determining when to give notice to change processors, or to have discussions with processors prior to allocation setting with respect to Market Development allotments.

The last available day to give notice of changing processor and to return the completed BC A-99 form to the BCCMB offices is the day **BEFORE** the CFC sets the allocation.

Example: If you wished to change processors for period A-109, the last day that you could provide notice is November 8, 2011.

<b><u>Period</u></b>	<b><u>CFC Sets Allocation</u></b>
A-109 (January 29 – March 24, 2012)	November 9, 2011
A-110 (March 25 – May 19, 2012)	December 14, 2011
A-111 (May 20 -- July 14, 2012)	February 1, 2012
A-112 (July 15 – September 8, 2012)	March 21, 2012
A-113 (September 9 – November 3, 2012)	May 30, 2012
A-114 (November 4 – December 29, 2012)	July 24, 2012
A-115 (December 30, 2012 – February 23, 2013)	September 25, 2012
A-116 (February 24 – April 20, 2013)	November 21, 2012

## **6. Animal Care Program update.**

As of November 7, 2011, 2011 we have **308** of **354** or **87%** of BC chicken farms certified under the CFC Animal Care Program.

Interior – 33 of 43 (79%)

Lower Mainland – 261 of 293 (89%)

Vancouver Island– 14 of 18 (78%)

The BCCMB has purchased and received Animal Care Program certification signs that will be distributed in the near future to all farms that have achieved certification in the program.



## **7. Low Pathogenicity H7 avian influenza virus detected in wild birds**

OTTAWA, November 1, 2011: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed a low pathogenicity H7 avian influenza virus in wild birds in central and western Canada. The birds were sampled through Canada's Inter-Agency Wild Bird Influenza Survey, which serves as an early warning system designed to detect avian influenza viruses circulating in the wild that could be transmitted to domestic poultry.

Low pathogenicity influenza viruses commonly circulate in the wild bird population with little or no impact on the health of wild birds or people.

However, H5 and H7 avian influenza viruses are known to have the ability to mutate from low pathogenicity to highly pathogenic forms once introduced into domestic poultry, potentially causing high rates of disease and mortality in birds.

The CFIA is reminding producers and backyard flock owners of the importance of practicing biosecurity in order to protect their flocks.

The following key biosecurity measures can help protect poultry health:

- Do not allow poultry or their food and water to have contact with wild birds -- particularly ducks and other wild waterfowl, which are known to be reservoirs for avian influenza viruses.
- Control movements of people, animals, equipment and vehicles on your property.
- If you hunt wild birds, make sure your hands, clothing and footwear are clean before handling your domestic poultry or entering premises where poultry is kept.
- Observe your animals daily for signs of disease.

If you suspect your birds are sick, you should immediately contact a veterinarian, the provincial ministry of agriculture, or a local CFIA office.

For [more information](#) on the measures you can take to protect your poultry from diseases, visit [www.inspection.gc.ca/biosecurity](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/biosecurity) or call the CFIA toll-free at 1-800-442-2342. Canada is located along major migratory flyways. The low pathogenicity H7 virus was identified in healthy live mallards sampled in Manitoba and Saskatchewan during the fall migratory season in the course of regular testing for the Inter-Agency Wild Bird Survey. For more information on the Inter-Agency Wild Bird Influenza Survey, contact the Canadian Cooperative Wild Life Health Centre at 1-866-544-4744 or visit the [Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre](#) website.

## **8. BCCMB Holiday Season office hours:**

December 23	we will close at noon.
December 26 and 27	we will be closed for Christmas and Boxing Day.
December 28 and 29	we will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
December 30	we will close at noon.
January 2	we will be closed for New Years Day.

The British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board monthly update is published by BCCMB staff and forwarded by e-mail and fax to all growers and a number of industry stakeholders on our contact list. Should you have any questions or suggestions regarding the content of any monthly update, please contact me directly at:

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