



## BC CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD UPDATE for March 2017

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### 1. Allocation for Quota Period A-144 (June 11 – August 5, 2017)

The total national allocation (including MD and specialty) for period A-144 (June 11 – August 5, 2017) was set by the CFC Board of Directors on January 17, 2017. The A-144 domestic allocation was set at 244,919,757 kilograms live weight. This represents 4.0% above the adjusted base for the period. Market Development at 10,434,274 kilograms live weight represents 4.26% of the national domestic allocation. Specialty allocation was requested by two provinces (BC and ON) for a total of 1,579,203 kilograms live weight.

BC's share of the **A-144 allocation** is:

Domestic	34,787,117 kilograms live weight.
Market Development	2,631,594 kilograms live weight.
Specialty	964,903 kilograms live weight.
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,383,614 kilograms live weight.</b>

- MD represents 7.56% compared to BC's domestic allocation for the period.
- Specialty represents 2.77% compared to BC's domestic allocation for the period.
- Domestic allotments to BC growers will be **112.47 % pro rata**.
- 4.0% over base yields 3.2% to BC under the current allocation agreement.

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## **2. Allocation Setting Dates**

Future allocation 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 BC99 form to the BCCMB offices is the day **BEFORE the BCCMB sets the allocation.**

<b><u>Period</u></b>	<b><u>BCCMB sets Allocation</u></b>
A-144 (June 11,2017-August 6, 2017)	March 15, 2017
A-145 (August 7, 2017 – September 30, 2017)	May 3, 2017
A-146 (October 1, 2017 – November 25, 2017)	June 28, 2017
A-147 (November 26, 2017 – January 20, 2018)	August 15, 2017
A-148 (January 21, 2018 – March 17, 2018)	October 11, 2017
A-149 (March 18, 2018 – May 12, 2018)	November 22, 2017
A-150 (May 13, 2018 – July 7, 2018)	January 11, 2018
A-151 (July 8, 2018 – September 1, 2018)	March 14, 2018
A-152 (September 2, 2018 – October 27, 2018)	May 14, 2018

## **3. Appeals Update**

### **Appeals to BCFIRB related to the recent changes to the BCCMB NEGP**

Seven specialty new entrant growers are appealing the December 2016 decision of the Board. This decision excluded specialty growers from the increased entry level of 20,000 kilograms per cycle for new and existing mainstream new entrants as well as the opportunity to participate in a matching program up to an additional 10,000 kilograms per cycle.

One grower has subsequently withdrawn his appeal.

The BCCGA is seeking clarity and appealing one component of the 10,000 kilogram matching program for mainstream new entrants that deals with the funding of the program. They are also appealing the clause which requires NEG's who accept the additional quota up to the new entry level of 20,000 kg/cycle remaining tied to their current processor until such time as the new quota issuance has reached maturity under Part 35 of the BCCMB General Orders (another 10 years).

FIRB has ordered that all the appeals respecting the changes to the NEG program be combined. A prehearing conference call is scheduled for March 7, 2017.

#### **4. High Density Requirements**

In accordance with the CFC Animal Care Program, growers are able to register their farms for high density (section 3) provided they are able to adhere to the following requirements:

1. The number of feeders and drinkers available must be appropriate for the number of birds in the barn.
2. Water meters must be available and intake recorded daily to monitor for changes in water intake.
3. Chickens must not have to travel any farther than 4m (13ft) to reach feed or water.
4. Minimum and maximum temperatures must be recorded daily.
5. Humidity or ammonia meters must be available to ensure that air quality is sufficient. This must be measured on each floor of the barn and the minimum and maximum be recorded daily.
6. Mortality and condemn records must be maintained for each flock. Mortalities and condemns must not be higher than would be expected for birds raised at 2.88kg/ft<sup>2</sup> (31kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

In order to apply for increased density beyond 31kg/m<sup>2</sup> growers must call the board office and set up an appointment with one of the board auditors who will confirm that all of these requirements are being met. If approved, a grower will be approved for high density in the next unallocated period.

Growers who were previously approved to grow under the 3.02kg/ft<sup>2</sup> (32.5kg/m<sup>2</sup>) will **not** automatically be given the highest density which is currently 35.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Growers would still be required to call the board office and speak to an auditor to reapply for the higher density.

**There may be an opportunity to apply for the maximum density allowed under the CFC Animal Care Program which is 38 kilograms per square meter in near future. In anticipation of this, growers may contact BCCMB audit staff to commence the process of meeting the requirements under the ACP program.**

## 5. A-141 Production Statistics

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Mainstream Grower's Only	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Over/(Under)	% Of Allocation
Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment	<b>280</b>			
Growers over 110% of allotment	14	5.00%	121,903	3.03%
Growers over 106% of allotment	40	14.29%	311,987	10.67%
Growers between 100% and 105.9% of allotment	93	33.21%	241,671	30.90%
Growers between 94% and 99.9% of allotment	84	30.00%	-303,893	31.70%
Growers below 93.9% of allotment	63	22.50%	-999,928	26.74%
Column Totals	280	100.00%	-750,163	100.00%
<b>BC Utilization</b>			98.23%	
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Growers Cycle Length	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Live Wt	% Of Allocation
Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment				
7 Week Cycle	5	1.79%	467,155	1.42%
8 Week Cycle	248	88.57%	29,980,797	90.99%
9 Week Cycle	10	3.57%	1,260,011	3.82%
10 Week Cycle	6	2.14%	342,305	1.04%
11 Week Cycle	1	0.36%	79,246	0.24%
12 Week Cycle	9	3.21%	738,598	2.24%
16 Week Cycle	1	0.36%	82,885	0.25%
Column Totals	280	100%	32,950,997	100%
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Average Live Weight	# Growers	% of Total Growers	# Kgs Produced	% Of Production
Mainstream Growers Rec'vd Allotment	<b>280</b>			
1.600 kg and below	3	1.12%	237,351	0.72%
1.601 – 1.700 kg	9	3.21%	682,004	2.12%
1.701 – 1.780 kg	4	1.43%	427,868	1.33%
1.781 – 1.850 kg	9	3.21%	1,088,889	3.38%
1.851 – 1.950 kg	23	8.21%	2,367,142	7.35%
1.951 – 2.020 kg	28	10.00%	4,223,051	13.12%
2.021 – 2.100 kg	29	10.36%	4,181,943	12.99%
2.101 – 2.170 kg	23	8.21%	3,471,544	10.78%
2.171 – 2.250 kg	33	11.79%	3,710,950	11.53%
2.251 – 2.500 kg	97	34.64%	10,635,372	33.04%
2.501 – 2.730 kg	19	6.79%	1,137,596	3.53%
2.731 – 3.180 kg	2	0.71%	27,006	0.08%
3.181 kg and above	1	0.36%	1,769	0.01%
Column Totals	280	100.05%	32,192,485	99.98%

## **6. Hiring and security reminder.**

The BCCMB would like to take this opportunity to remind all growers to remain vigilant when interviewing and hiring farm staff. The following points are important:

- Confirm references and past employment.
- Ensure all new employees receive proper training for the tasks they are expected to carry out. Refresh/retrain as necessary.
- Ensure you have and enforce codes of conduct with respect to animal care.
- Insist employees come to you when they encounter problems with their jobs or animals in their care.
- Offer employees support and confidential reporting process in order to share concerns about questionable activity they may observe at work.
- Have and enforce probationary periods and appropriate employee performance reviews.

## **Property Security**

- Unsolicited visits to your farm should be reported, including uninvited individuals attempting to gain employment.
- Ensure your facilities are locked at all times to prevent uninvited visitors from entering your barns or other farm buildings.
- If you are suspicious of an individual ensure you get as much information as possible, including: name, description of the person and information you are provided (resume, etc.). While respecting all applicable privacy laws, pass this information to the BCCMB office.

## **7. Live price formula update.**

As of this date (March 28, 2017) the Board has not reached a decision with respect to any changes to the current formula that is used to determine the periodic price for mainstream broiler chicken. It is anticipated that this will occur in time for the pricing of period A-143 which begins on April 16, 2017.

Any amendments resulting from the current review and deliberations by the Board will be communicated to industry by special bulletin.

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