



BC CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD UPDATE for June 2017

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1. A-144 Pricing (June 11, August 5, 2017):

Mainstream:

The live price in BC for period A-144 (marketing's from June 11 to August 5, 2017 inclusive) has been set by the Board at **\$1.6041** per kilogram live weight. This represents an increase of **\$0.003** from the previous period. The explanation for setting price can be found in the previous monthly board report. The rationale and SAFETI analysis for the Boards' decision can be accessed on the BCCMB website at bcchicken.ca

Linkage:

The price linkage calculations done by Serecon for period **A-144** reflect the live chicken price of **\$1.6041** per kilogram live weight. The calculations indicate a cost recovery parity between the two commodities of **97.62%** and a return on assets (minus quota) of **3.97%** will be achieved at the following prices:

	Price	Change from A-143
• Live chicken	\$1.6041/kg	Up \$0.0030/kg
• Hatching eggs	\$5.3211/dozen	Down \$0.0360/dozen
• Day old chicks	\$0.7436/chick	Down \$0.0038/chick

Organic:

The live price for certified organic price for period A-144 has been set by the Board at **\$3.72 per kilogram live weight** which represents 100% of the cost of production for the period and is a decrease from the previous period of 6 cents/kg live weight (which was set at \$3.78). The decrease is attributed to lower feed and chick costs.

Specialty Chicken:

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Silkie:

This is the second period of the two-period pricing block for Silkie chicken and represents no change in the price from the previous period. The following prices have been set by the Board for Silkie chicken for quota period A-144:

- Silkie Chicken: **\$3.96** per kilogram.

Taiwanese:

This is the second period of the two-period pricing block for TC chicken and represents no change in the price from the previous period.

Category	Age up to (days)	Price per kilogram Live weight	Age Between (days)	Price per kilogram Live weight	Age Over (days)	Price per kilogram Live weight
Loong Kong	68	\$2.63	69 & 93	\$2.57	93	\$2.58
Bradner Special Dual	52	\$2.69	53 & 65	\$2.63	65	\$2.64
Bradner Long cycle	71	\$2.79	72 & 86	\$2.73	86	\$2.75
Shondon or Hong Kong Golden	68	\$2.67	69 & 83	\$2.62	83	\$2.63

2. Appeals update.

On June 16, 2017 BCFIRB dismissed the following stay applications:

1. The appeal for a stay of the BCCMB 1-144 pricing decision by the PPPABC.
2. The appeal for a stay of the BCCMB direction to Stasis Farms to produce TC chicken for Wingtat in period A-145

In both cases the panel ruled that the stay applications did not meet the 3 criteria required to allow for decision in favor of the appellants.

Appeal by PPPABC regarding the Board decision respecting implementation of a new pricing formula for mainstream chicken (regular broilers) effective in A-144 found at Schedule 19 of the August 26, 2011 BCCMB General Orders. The Processors are requesting that FIRB establish a new formula based on Ontario posted price plus 6.85 cents. The BCCGA have applied and received intervenor status. The hearing will be

heard the week of October 16-20 and November 16-17 if required. Location to be determined.

Appeal by 0802281 BC Ltd (Garrett Broatch) regarding a decision of the Board to direct the type of product his is to produce under his specialty quota and direct his product to a specific processor for quota period A-145. The hearing date is set for August 23, 2017 with the location to be determined.

3. Grower responsibility under the CODE of Practice regarding catching

The Board on June 16, 2016 sent out a memo to BC chicken growers intended to remind all growers of their responsibilities under the *Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys*.

At Section 7.3 *Catching, Loading and Unloading Procedures* the MANDATORY REQUIREMENT states:

Producer or a competent designee must be readily available to provide assistance throughout the catching and loading process.

Under RECOMMENDED PRACTICES, the Code states:

a. Ensure that a farm representative (e.g. owner, worker) observes the catching and loading process to ensure humane handling of birds and intervenes as necessary.

Due to recent events the Board will be initiating meetings with industry in the very near future to discuss possible options for licencing, training, certification and audit systems that will result in industry wide standards for the catching process. You will be kept informed as this process evolves.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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: Phone 604-859-2868 or by E-mail to billvanderspek@bcchicken.ca

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