



BC CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD UPDATE for September 2017

Special Alert

On September 13, 2017 our office was advised that there have been some break in and unauthorized entry to a number of poultry farms in BC. We do not have the dates or locations of this activity and you may not be aware that your barns or property were entered. If you have anything that looks out of the ordinary or unexplained damage to your barn doors please contact the RCMP and report the incident. We have information that fully populated as empty barns were involved. We do not know which farms were compromised. **BARN DOORS MUST** be locked, extra **VIGILANCE** is needed to prevent entry to your barns. If you have suspicious people in your area please document what you see with as much detail as possible and inform the BCCMB office.

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1. Temporary amendment to quota leasing policy.

The Board has made a decision to temporarily and until further notice amend Schedule 7, Section 3 of the BCCMB General Orders *Lease of Quota Without Premises* to allow for the leasing **IN** of quota up to 100% of a grower's domestic allotment.

Growers wishing to take advantage of this provision must have sufficient measured and certified barn space to accommodate the extra production.

This measure is intended to provide the opportunity to fully utilize available barn space and to assist growers and processors in meeting BC's national allocation.

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This amendment refers to the leasing **IN** (not out) of quota; all other provisions of Schedule 7 remain in effect.

Please call the Board office or your hatchery rep if you require clarification or more information.

2. Appeals update.

PPPABC appeal of new Pricing Formula:

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. (4.85 cents based on the weight category historically and currently being used in our formula). The BC Chicken Growers Association and the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission have both applied for and been granted intervenor status in the appeal.

The appeal was scheduled for the week of October 16-20 and November 16-17 if required. Venue to be determined, but will take place in the Abbotsford area.

The PPPABC have proposed a mediation session be held in advance of the appeal hearings. The mediation session has been tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2017.

Update: The mediation session held on September 8, 2017 resulted in a tentative agreement between the parties that will provide stability in the pricing agreement for periods A-146 through A-150 inclusive and result in the appeal to BCFIRB being withdrawn. Beginning in A-149, the previously scheduled one year review of the new pricing period will be initiated. Details of the agreement will be circulated following the final agreement of all parties and the withdrawal of the appeal and ratification by the BCCMB.

3. A-148 Allocation.

The A-148 (January 21 – March 17, 2018) total national allocation was set at 256,938,095 kilograms live weight. This represents 5.0% above the adjusted base for the period. Market Development at 10,510,820 kilograms live weight represents 4.30% of the national domestic allocation. Specialty allocation was requested by three provinces (BC, AB and ON) for a total of 1,886,804 kilograms live weight.

BC's share of the **A-148 allocation** is:

Domestic	34,370,220	kilograms live weight.
Market Development	2,122,000	kilograms live weight.
Specialty	1,019,534	kilograms live weight.
Total	37,511,754	kilograms live weight.

- MD represents 6.17% compared to BC’s domestic allocation for the period.
- Specialty represents 2.96% compared to BC’s domestic allocation for the period.
- The pro-rata allotments to BC growers will be provided at a later date when the allocation calculations are done and circulated by the BCCMB office.
- 5.0% over base yields 4.4% to BC under the current allocation agreement.

4. No Trespassing Signs

Recently the BC Poultry Biosecurity Program received funding to provide *No Trespassing Biosecurity in Effect* signs to BC Poultry Producers. These highly visible signs should be mounted on or at your farm gate. BCCMB field staff will be delivering signs during regular farm visits, as well the signs will be available at producer meetings, and at the BCCMB office. For more information on trespassing regulations, search “BC Trespass Act” on the Internet.

5. Grower Dashboard launch.

By now all growers should have received two emails regarding the Grower Dashboard. If you did not receive both emails please call Shawn Mallon at the Board office at (604) 859-2868 or email to shawnmallon@bcchicken.ca. If you have issues accepting the Dashboard invitation or questions about the Dashboard setup please send your emails to info@bcchicken.ca or call the Board office. Staff will write down your message and when available will return your email or call.

6. 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.**

<u>Period</u>	<u>BCCMB sets Allocation</u>
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 21, 2018
A-152 (September 2, 2018 – October 27, 2018)	May 17, 2018

7. REO Virus Seminar

Attached to this report is a notice for a seminar covering Reovirus in Broiler Chickens: Disease update in Canada and the US. It is scheduled for Sept 27th at the Quality Inn in Abbotsford. All growers are encouraged to sign up and attend. Space is limited. Register at <https://www.regonline.ca/reovirusinbroilerchickens20170927>

8. Load out Report

At their meeting held on September 4, 2017 the BCCMB directors made a number of motions arising from recommendations of the catching committee. The committee was struck following the release of the undercover video earlier this year and is comprised of representatives from the BCCMB, BCCGA, processors, catching contractors, and other feather boards.

1. **MOTION:** Moved and seconded:--
“That the Board endorse the BCCMB Load-Out Report version 2 as presented, and make its completion and submission to the BCCMB office mandatory under the General Orders”. **CARRIED.**

The Load-Out Report will be mandatory effective with the first day of period A-146 (October 1, 2017). The approved version is attached. Over the next several weeks BCCMB staff will present the contents and requirements of the load out report to growers at regional meetings in the Lower Mainland, Island and Interior. BCCMB staff will be working on a fillable PDF version of the load out report over the next several days. Processors and catching crews are encouraged to begin using the Load-Out Report as soon as possible. Over the next few days or as soon as possible we will create a separate BC chicken email address which will be used for the submission of these and other forms that are directed to BCCMB Inspection staff.

2. **MOTION:** Moved and seconded:--
“That the Board make it mandatory for the grower or his/her representative to be present at the beginning, the end, and at least once during the catching process”. **CARRIED.**

The load out report is to be submitted to the board office by the catching contractor and is designed to record grower attendance as described in the board motion. BCCMB staff will monitor the completed forms and follow up on any missing information or other issues requiring their attention.

3. **MOTION:** Moved and seconded:--
“That the Board require catching companies and contractors to obtain a BCCMB license to operate commencing January 1, 2018.” **CARRIED.**

BCCMB staff will be working on amendments to *Part 5 Application for License* of the General Orders to include catching companies and contractors. Over the next several weeks we will convene another meeting of the “smaller group” of the catching committee to determine the terms and conditions of license. The cost of the annual license for catching crews or contractors will be consistent with the cost of all other licenses issued by the BCCMB.

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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