



BC CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD UPDATE for March 2019

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1. Period A-157 allocation.

The **A-157 (June 9 to August 2, 2019)** total national allocation was set at **275,778,494** kilograms live weight on March 20, 2019 at CFC. This represents 1.5% above the adjusted base for the period. Market Development at **9,500,947** kilograms live weight represents 3.60% of the national domestic allocation. Specialty allocation was requested by three provinces (BC, AB and ON) for a total of **2,166,095** kilograms live weight.

BC’s share of the A-157 allocation is:

Domestic	36,795,624	kilograms live weight.
Market Development	2,803,000	kilograms live weight.
Specialty	1,357,237	kilograms live weight.
Total	40,995,861	kilograms live weight.

- MD represents 7.6% compared to BC’s domestic allocation for the period.
- Specialty represents 3.68% compared to BC’s domestic allocation for the period.
- **Allotments to BC mainstream growers will be at 119.14% pro rata.**
- 1.50% over base yields 1.19% to BC under the current allocation agreement.

3. 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 office is the day **BEFORE the BCCMB sets the allocation.**

<u>Period</u>	<u>BCCMB sets Allocation</u>
A-158 (August 4 – September 28, 2019)	May 17, 2019
A-159 (September 29 – November 23, 2019)	June 26, 2019
A-160 (November 24, 2019 – January 18, 2020)	August 23, 2019
A-161 (January 19 – March 14, 2020)	October 1, 2019
A-162 (March 15 – May 9, 2020)	November 29, 2019

The following dates may assist growers in making planning decision respecting the quota expansion and relative deadlines.

<u>Period</u>		<u>BCCMB requires completed documents at office</u>
A-155 (February 17 – April 13, 2019)	Last period to do quota transfers and still be eligible for quota expansion	November 16, 2018
A-164 (July 5 – August 29, 2020)	1 st period growers receive 20% quota expansion (space permitting)	March 27, 2020 *
A-170 (June 6 – July 31, 2021)	Last date to provide registered space for quota expansion. Insufficient space will result in forfeiture of any portion of the growth quota that cannot be accommodated	February 26, 2021 *

* These dates are subject to change.

3. Farm Security Seminar: “protecting your assets” – Registration now open!

Protecting your assets from unauthorized activity is your right! As a farmer, you can protect your family, employees, animals and property from threats; however, assessing and determining risk is becoming more difficult as emerging threats are changing. In this one-day workshop, you will learn what gaps exist in your security and how to fill them. This includes farm access (trespass) and how to protect your social media channels. You will be able to access valuable information and take back practical tips to put into action on your farm.

BC Chicken growers are invited to session that will be hosted by BC Chicken, BC Hatching Eggs, BC Turkey and BC Eggs.

The workshop will feature three speakers on the following topics:

- Legal perspectives
- Physical Security of Your Property
- Human Resource Issues

There is no charge for producers to attend. You can register by contacting Charlotte Watts by email at charlotte@bcegg.com by noon on April 12.

Date: April 18, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Venue: Quality Inn, Abbotsford BC. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

4. Appeals Update

K&M Farms denial for Annualization:

K&M Farms, a self-marketer of chicken, has appealed a decision of the Board to deny his request for annualized production. The hearing was conducted on Friday June 15th at the Quality Inn in Abbotsford. To date no decision has been rendered.

PPPABC pricing appeal (A-146 – A-150):

The Primary Poultry Processors of BC (Hallmark, Sunrise, Sofina and Farm Fed) have appealed the BCCMB's method of calculating the live price for periods A-146 through A-150 inclusive. They assert that the mediated agreement reached on September 8, 2017 has been applied incorrectly and that the live price has been set 1.2 cents per kilogram too high for the periods in question.

The Board applied for a summary dismissal which was granted by FIRB on August 27, 2018. The FIRB panel found that no special circumstances exist for extending the time limit for filing an appeal.

PPPABC pricing appeal (A-151 – A-156):

The Primary Poultry Processors Association of BC (Hallmark, Sunrise, Sofina and Farm Fed) have appealed the BCCMB's method of calculating the live price for periods A-151 through A-156 inclusive. They are requesting a stay of the implementation of the decision to the extent necessary to allow the Processors to pay the difference in chicken prices between the 2018 formula and the 2017 pricing formula (excluding the \$0.012 modular loading levy) into trust pending the FIRB's final decision on this appeal. This holdback is calculated at \$0.024 per kilogram for period A-151.

On July 13, 2018 the BCFIRB panel ruled to dismiss the stay of implementation of the partial stay and holdback of the \$0.024 per kilogram stating that the BCCMB's pricing increase was not sufficient to warrant the extraordinary relief sought by the processors.

The relief sought should the processors prevail at appeal is that the price for BC chicken be set in BC (2.021-2.100 kg weight category) based on the Ontario live price (based on 2.15 -2.45 kg weight category) and by adding a fixed differential of 0.0650/kg for a period of 3 years.

The appeal was heard at the same time as the BCCGA pricing appeal; on October 1-5, 2018 and November 1-2, 2018 inclusive in Vancouver BC. The decision of FIRB was for written closing arguments, all of which will be completed by December 19, 2018. A FIRB decision is not expected until sometime in the New Year.

BCCGA pricing appeal (A-151-A-156):

The BC Chicken Growers Association have appealed the BCCMB's method of calculating the live price for periods A-151 through A-156 inclusive on the basis that does not include the \$0.012 per kilogram modular loading recovery as was the case during the period of the mediated agreement (A-145 through A-150) and only accounts for 75% of the difference in feed costs between BC and Ontario.

The relief sought should the BCCGA prevail at appeal:

1. That the feed cost differential in the formula be amended from 75% to 100% or otherwise return to the original interim decision announced by the Board on June 11, 2018.
2. That the modular loading cost recovery premium of \$0.012 per kilogram be included in the pricing formula. This request for relief was subsequently dropped by the BCCGA.

The appeal was heard in conjunction as the PPPABC pricing appeal. The decision of BVFIRB was for written closing arguments, all of which were completed by December 19, 2018. To date the BCFIRB panel has not rendered their decision on this appeal.

5. BCCMB Staff update.

Manager of Field Services, Ms. Kathy Erickson, has retired effective March 1st. BCCMB Manager of Administration, Mr. Shawn Mallon has added the role of Program Delivery Agent to his responsibilities and will oversee the Field Services Department. Growers will continue to interact directly with Jason Maarhuis, Kira Harrison and Karlie Erickson who will be responsible for all audits and other field related activities. You can reach Shawn by email at shawnmallon@bcchicken.ca

Ms. Debora Ferreira joined the BCCMB staff on March 4, 2019 as our new Administrative Assistant. Debora comes to us from RBC and will be the friendly voice you hear on the other end of the phone when you call the office.

6. BCCMB Directors update.

The Board members held their annual internal elections on March 11, 2019*. Results:

- Vice Chair – Alistair Johnston
- CFC Director- Derek Janzen. (also re-elected as CFC 1st Vice Chair on March 20 in Ottawa)
- CFC Alternate – Ray Nickel
- Finance Committee – Ray Nickel (Chair), Gay Hahn and Alistair Johnston

*The BCCMB Chair is a government appointed position currently held by Harvey Sasaki.

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7. A-153 production statistics.

Mainstream Grower's Only	A-153			
	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Over/(Under)	% Of Allocation
Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment	280	0	0	0
Growers over 110% of allotment	21	7.50%	287,683	5.65%
Growers over 106% of allotment	65	23.21%	748,131	20.57%
Growers between 100% and 105.9% of allotment	109	38.93%	401,170	38.62%
Growers between 94% and 99.9% of allotment	72	25.71%	-354,321	32.81%
Growers below 93.9% of allotment	34	12.14%	-382,264	8.00%
Column Totals	280	100.00%	412,717	100.00%
BC Utilization	101.46%			

Growers Cycle Length	A-153			
	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Live Wt	% Of Allocation
Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment				
7 Week Cycle	8	2.86%	795,364	2.14%
8 Week Cycle	256	91.43%	35,223,155	94.64%
9 Week Cycle	5	1.79%	314,079	0.84%
10 Week Cycle	5	1.79%	401,111	1.08%
11 Week Cycle	1	0.36%	88,197	0.24%
12 Week Cycle	5	1.79%	395,334	1.06%
16 Week Cycle	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Column Totals	280	100%	37,217,240	100%

Average Live Weight	A-153			
	# Growers	% of Total Growers	# Kgs Produced	% Of Production
Mainstream Growers Rec'vd Allotment	280			
1.600 kg and below	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
1.601 – 1.700 kg	6	2.14%	481,867	1.28%
1.701 – 1.780 kg	5	1.79%	404,432	1.07%
1.781 – 1.850 kg	11	3.93%	889,912	2.36%
1.851 – 1.950 kg	15	5.36%	1,786,093	4.75%
1.951 – 2.020 kg	19	6.79%	2,911,964	7.74%
2.021 – 2.100 kg	23	8.21%	4,774,336	12.69%
2.101 – 2.170 kg	28	10.00%	5,200,121	13.82%
2.171 – 2.250 kg	34	12.14%	4,530,619	12.04%
2.251 – 2.500 kg	107	38.21%	13,477,168	35.81%
2.501 – 2.730 kg	27	9.64%	3,032,262	8.06%
2.731 – 3.180 kg	4	1.43%	128,156	0.34%
3.181 kg and above	1	0.36%	13,029	0.03%
Column Totals	280	100.00%	37,629,959	100.00%

8. Period A-154 production statistics

Mainstream Grower's Only	A-154			
	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Over/(Under)	% Of Allocation
Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment	277			
Growers over 110% of allotment	31	11.19%	352,416	7.53%
Growers over 106% of allotment	83	29.96%	781,526	23.98%
Growers between 100% and 105.9% of allotment	94	33.94%	330,773	33.03%
Growers between 94% and 99.9% of allotment	61	22.02%	-288,288	27.23%
Growers below 93.9% of allotment	39	14.08%	-698,761	15.75%
Column Totals	277	100.00%	125,251	100.00%
BC Utilization	100.84%			

Growers Cycle Length	A-154			
	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Live Wt	% Of Allocation
Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment				
7 Week Cycle	9	3.25%	828,234	2.38%
8 Week Cycle	255	92.06%	33,328,382	95.68%
9 Week Cycle	6	2.17%	386,447	1.11%
10 Week Cycle	2	0.72%	84,751	0.24%
11 Week Cycle	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
12 Week Cycle	2	0.72%	104,287	0.30%
16 Week Cycle	3	1.08%	99,616	0.29%
Column Totals	277	100%	34,831,717	100%

Average Live Weight	A-154			
	# Growers	% of Total Growers	# Kgs Produced	% Of Production
Mainstream Growers Rec'vd Allotment	277			
1.600 kg and below	1	0.36%	39,797	0.11%
1.601 – 1.700 kg	5	1.81%	352,400	1.01%
1.701 – 1.780 kg	6	2.17%	536,530	1.53%
1.781 – 1.850 kg	10	3.61%	1,607,528	4.60%
1.851 – 1.950 kg	20	7.22%	2,345,805	6.71%
1.951 – 2.020 kg	11	3.97%	1,238,420	3.54%
2.021 – 2.100 kg	29	10.47%	5,298,530	15.16%
2.101 – 2.170 kg	23	8.30%	2,873,255	8.22%
2.171 – 2.250 kg	36	13.00%	5,593,202	16.00%
2.251 – 2.500 kg	99	35.74%	12,258,018	35.07%
2.501 – 2.730 kg	31	11.19%	2,442,216	6.99%
2.731 – 3.180 kg	5	1.81%	172,313	0.49%
3.181 kg and above	1	0.36%	198,954	0.57%
Column Totals	277	100.00%	34,956,968	100.00%

