



BC CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD UPDATE for October 2019

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1. Election 2019

With so many candidates campaigning during the 2019 federal election, Chicken Farmers of Canada encourages growers to take advantage of this opportunity to talk about the benefits of supply management. To assist you, CFC has prepared template letters, social media posts and debate questions. We have hard copies of hand outs and lawn sign toppers stating “Support Supply Management” in the BCCMB office. For more information check out <https://www.chickenfarmers.ca/election-2019/> password cfcelections2019 or contact Cheryl Davie at cheryldavie@bcchicken.ca.

2. Period A-159 Pricing Information.

Mainstream:

The live price in BC for period A-159 (marketing’s from September 29 to November 23, 2019 inclusive) have been set by the Board at \$1.707 per kilogram live weight. This represents an increase of \$0.016 from the previous period.

Linkage:

The price linkage calculations done by Serecon for period A-159 reflect the live price of \$1.707 per kilogram live weight. The calculations indicate a cost recovery parity between the two commodities of 94.47% will be achieved at the following prices:

	Price	Change from A-157
Live Chicken	\$1.707/kg	Up \$0.016/kg
Hatching Eggs	\$5.8443/dozen	Up \$0.1224/dozen
Day old chicks	\$0.7978/chick	Up \$0.0126/chick

Organic:

The live price for certified organic chicken for period A-159 has been set by the Board at **\$3.75 per kilogram live weight** which represents an increase from the previous period of 2 cents/kg live weight.

Specialty Chicken:

Silkie:

This is the first period of the two-period pricing block (A-159/A-160) for Silkie chicken. The price for A-159 is set at \$4.17, which represents a 3 cent/kg increase from the previous period.

Taiwanese:

This is the first period of the two-period pricing block (A-159/A-160) for TC chicken. The prices for all categories: **Red indicates a price change 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	\$2.77 n/c	69 & 93	\$2.72 +\$0.01/kg	93	\$2.73 +\$0.01/kg
Bradner Special Dual	52	\$2.79 +\$0.01/kg	53 & 65	\$2.72 n/c	65	\$2.73 n/c
Bradner Long cycle	71	\$2.90 +\$0.01/kg	72 & 86	\$2.84 +\$0.01/kg	86	\$2.85 n/c
Shon don or Hong Kong Golden	68	\$2.81 +\$0.01/kg	69 & 83	\$2.75 +\$0.01/kg	83	\$2.77 +\$0.01/kg

3. Period A-161 Allocation.

The **A-161** (January 19 to March 14, 2020) total national allocation was set at **273,813,156** kilograms live weight on October 1, 2019 at CFC. This represents 3.0% above the adjusted base for the period. Market Development at **11,261,400** kilograms live weight represents 4.33% of the national domestic allocation. Specialty allocation was requested by two provinces (BC and ON) for a total of **2,398,469** kilograms live weight.

BC's share of the A-161 allocation is:

Domestic	36,422,535	kilograms live weight.
Market Development	2,459,000	kilograms live weight.
Specialty	1,263,244	kilograms live weight.
Total	40,144,779	kilograms live weight.

- MD represents 6.75% compared to BC's domestic allocation for the period.
- Specialty represents 3.46% compared to BC's domestic allocation for the period.
- **Allotments to BC mainstream growers will be at 114.4% pro rata.**
- 3.0% % over base yields 2.6% to BC under the current allocation agreement.

Period A-162 Allocation.

The **A-162** (March 15 to May 9, 2020) total national allocation was set at **277,628,567** kilograms live weight on October 1, 2019 at CFC. This represents 2.5% above the adjusted base for the period. Market Development at **11,321,600** kilograms live weight represents 4.29% of the national domestic allocation. Specialty allocation was requested by two provinces (BC and ON) for a total of **2,278,421** kilograms live weight.

BC's share of the A-162 allocation is:

Domestic	36,865,132	kilograms live weight.
Market Development	2,469,000	kilograms live weight.
Specialty	1,193,146	kilograms live weight.
Total	40,527,478	kilograms live weight.

- MD represents 6.70% compared to BC's domestic allocation for the period.
- Specialty represents 3.23% compared to BC's domestic allocation for the period.
- The pro rata percentage to BC mainstream growers will be calculated when the allocation is done later this year.
- 2.5% % over base yields 2.1% to BC under the current allocation agreement.

4. BC Agriculture in the Classroom Volunteers.

This November, BC Agriculture in the Classroom will put the spotlight as chicken as a key product in their Take a Bite of BC program. We will need growers to visit secondary schools in the Lower Mainland area to talk to students about chicken farming. Training and materials will be provided. If you are interested please contact Cheryl Davie cheryldavie@bcchicken.ca or 604-859-2868.

5. 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-162 (March 15 – May 9, 2020)	November 29, 2019
A-163 (May 10 – July 4, 2020)	February 5, 2020
A-164 (July 5 – August 29, 2020)	April 1, 2020
A-165 (August 30 – October 24, 2020)	June 2, 2020
A-166 (October 25- December 19, 2020)	July 28, 2020
A-167 (December 20, 2020 – February 13, 2021)	September 15, 2020

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.

6. Appeals Update:

Appeals to BCFIRB:

Since our last update, there are no outstanding appeals awaiting decision and no new appeals registered with BCFIRB.

BC Supreme Court petition:

Andre Patton, dba Cedar Creek Farms has filed a petition to the Supreme Court of British Columbia dated July 2, 2019.

Mr. Patton had filed an appeal to BCFIRB of a January 24, 2019 decision of the BCCMB to deny his December 11, 2018 request for removal of the restrictions on his Vancouver Island New Entrant quota. The BCCMB applied for a summary dismissal of this appeal which was granted by BCFIRB on May 10, 2019.

In his petition to the BC Supreme Court, Mr. Patton is applying for:

- a) An order quashing the decision of BCFIRB dated May 10, 2019 which decision granted the application of the BCCMB to summarily dismiss the appeal of Cedar Creek Farms Ltd dated December 11, 2018 of a decision by the BCCMB dated January 24, 2019.
- b) An order remitting the matter back to the BC Farm Industry Review Board.
- c) That each party bear their own costs.
- d) Such other and further relief as this Court may seem just.

A final date for this hearing has not been set, but it is expected to be heard sometime during the week of October 14, 2019.

7. Eliminating the preventive use of Category III antibiotics: Have your say!

Reminder: The survey will be open from October 4th to 25th and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/FallCategoryIII> or by clicking on [this link](#). The survey can be completed via computer, tablet or phone.

Chicken Farmers of Canada seeking input on AMU reduction strategy

As part of the CFC antimicrobial use (AMU) strategy, CFC is performing a re-assessment of the goal to eliminate the preventive use of Category III antibiotics by the end of 2020. Effectively, the sole antibiotic impacted is Bacitracin.

CFC Directors will be considering this re-assessment in December 2019.

To help gather input from stakeholders, a survey was conducted in June - thank you to all those who provided input at that time. The survey provided valuable information to

CFC as the impacts of and opportunities of eliminating the preventive use of Category III antibiotics are considered.

Given that the elimination of preventive Category II use only recently occurred, CFC wants to provide the opportunity to hear about the impacts and to understand if there have been changes since the 1st survey was done in June.

The objective of the second survey is to 1) validate the first survey results, providing as much info to CFC Directors as possible, 2) allow stakeholders to provide any further experiences as to the impacts of the preventive Category II elimination, and 3) assess the level of preparedness for the elimination of the preventive use of Category III antibiotics by the end of 2020.

Feedback on this questionnaire is being requested from all stakeholders in the Canadian chicken production value-chain. This second survey will be open to all stakeholders, whether they completed the first survey or not.

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Background

CFC Reduction Strategy

CFC's antimicrobial use (AMU) reduction strategy is a step-wise approach to eliminate the preventive use of antimicrobials of human importance (Category I-III). CFC's strategy has been developed to provide a sustainable means of meeting consumer expectations, while protecting the health and welfare of birds, and preserving effective treatment options.

Reduction Timelines:

- ✓ Step 1: Elimination of the preventive use of Category I antibiotics in May 2014
- ✓ Step 2: Elimination of the preventive use of Category II antibiotics at the end of 2018
- ✓ Step 3: Goal to eliminate the preventive use of Category III antibiotics by the end of 2020

CFC's AMU reduction strategy only focusses on preventive use of Category I, II and III antibiotics. This is not a "*Raised Without the use of Antibiotics*" strategy. CFC's strategy continues to allow:

- ✓ The use of antibiotics for treatment of clinical or subclinical infectious diseases identified in a flock of birds
- ✓ The preventive use of ionophores (Category IV antibiotics)
- ✓ The use of chemical coccidiostats

For more information on CFC's AMU strategy, please visit

<https://www.chickenfarmers.ca/antimicrobial-strategy/>.

Categorization of Antibiotics

Antibiotics are ranked (Categories I-IV) by Health Canada based on their importance to human medicine.

The following table provides the classification of antibiotics:

CATEGORY	DRUG FAMILY	BRAND NAME
I - Very High Importance (Essential for serious human infections with limited or no alternatives available)		
	Ceftiofur	Excenel (extra-label)
	Enrofloxacin	Baytril (extra-label)
II - High Importance (Essential for treating serious human infections and few alternatives available)		
	Virginiamycin	Stafac, Virginiamycin
	Penicillins	Paracillin SP, Pot-Pen, Penicillin G Potassium, Pen-P, Penicillin G Procaine, Vibriomed Booster, Medivit, Super Booster
	Tylosin	Tylan
	Gentamycin	Gentocin
	Lincosamides	Lincomix, Lincomycin, Linco-Spectin, L-S soluble powder
	Trimethoprim-Sulfadiazole	Uniprim (extra-label)
III - Medium Importance (Important for treating human infections and alternatives are generally available)		
	Bacitracin	BMD, Albac, Zinc Bacitracin
	Sulphonamides	Sulfa, Sodium Sulfamethazine, Sulphaquinoxaline, Quinoxine S
	Apramycin	Apralan (extra-label)
	Spectinomycin	Spectam (extra-label)
	Tetracyclines	Aureomycin, Oxy, Oxysol, Oxytetracycline, Terramycin, Onycin, Neo-Tetramed, Tetra, Tetracycline
	Neomycin (Sulfate, Oxytetracycline, Tetracycline)	Neomix, Neomycin, Neomed, Neo Oxymed, Neotet, Neox, Neo-Chlor, Neo-Tetramed
IV - Low Importance (Not used in human medicine)		
	Bambermycin	Flavomycin
	Ionophores	Rumensin, Monensin, Coban, Monteban, Maxiban, Aviax, Salinomycin Premix, Saxox, Bio-Cox, Coxistac, Posistac, Cygro, Bovatec, Avatec
Uncategorized		
	Avilamycin	Surmax

Chemical coccidiostats are not defined as antibiotics. These products include: Nicarb, Robenz, Amprol, Zoamix, Coyden, Stenerol, Clinicox and Deccox.

8. Security Hints:

What to do if activists trespass on your farm:

- Do not engage in any way with activists, other than to advise them that they are trespassing and to leave your property. Inform them that the police have been called.
- Never use force when dealing with trespassers/activists.
- Activists will be recording everything, act accordingly.
- Do not leave activists in a barn alone, and do not stay in a barn alone with activists.
- Consider capturing your own evidence on your phone.
- If you call police/911 to attend your farm do not use aggressive language, such as "If you don't come soon, I will take matters into my own hands". Threatening language will actually cause you to now be a perpetrator and the original perpetrator to be the perceived victim.

9. A-157 Period Summary

	A-157			
Mainstream Grower's Only	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Over/(Under)	% Of Allocation
Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment	278			
Growers over 110% of allotment	26	9.35%	504,048	7.54%
Growers over 106% of allotment	74	26.62%	934,528	22.33%
Growers between 100% and 105.9% of allotment	105	37.77%	390,388	37.16%
Growers between 94% and 99.9% of allotment	73	26.26%	-346,909	31.89%
Growers below 93.9% of allotment	25	8.99%	-331,579	8.57%
Column Totals	277	99.64%	646,428	99.96%
BC Utilization		100.85%		
Growers Cycle Length	A-157			
Mainstream Growers Receiving Allotment	# Growers	% of Total Growers	Kgs Live Wt	% Of Allocation
7 Week Cycle	7	2.52%	1,106,678	2.89%
8 Week Cycle	258	92.81%	35,968,441	93.87%
9 Week Cycle	7	2.52%	655,786	1.71%
10 Week Cycle	3	1.08%	377,850	0.99%
11 Week Cycle	1	0.36%	93,809	0.24%
12 Week Cycle	2	0.72%	114,138	0.30%
16 Week Cycle	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Column Totals	278	100%	38,316,702	100%
Average Live Weight	A-157			
	# Growers	% of Total Growers	# Kgs Produced	% Of Production
Mainstream Growers Rec'vd Allotment	278			
1.600 kg and below	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
1.601 – 1.700 kg	3	1.08%	196,255	0.50%
1.701 – 1.780 kg	6	2.17%	446,581	1.15%
1.781 – 1.850 kg	7	2.53%	1,196,407	3.07%
1.851 – 1.950 kg	18	6.50%	2,420,498	6.21%
1.951 – 2.020 kg	15	5.42%	2,068,064	5.31%
2.021 – 2.100 kg	25	9.03%	3,507,034	9.00%
2.101 – 2.170 kg	29	10.47%	5,347,850	13.73%
2.171 – 2.250 kg	26	9.39%	3,603,916	9.25%
2.251 – 2.500 kg	115	41.52%	17,020,611	43.70%
2.501 – 2.730 kg	29	10.47%	2,910,314	7.47%
2.731 – 3.180 kg	4	1.44%	231,244	0.59%
3.181 kg and above	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Column Totals	277	100.00%	38,948,774	100.00%

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