



April 8, 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATE RE: COVID-19

Attention all growers and industry partners,

Further to our communiqué on Monday April 6, 2020 and further discussion with our industry partners and the PPAC over the past several days, we wish to inform all mainstream chicken growers that as of Monday April 6, 2020, egg sets are being reduced by 5%. This will affect chick deliveries beginning on April 27, 2020 and will include the Market Development portion of your A-163 allotment.

Further to the Chicken Farmers of Canada meeting on April 3, 2020, we have now learned that Farm Products of Canada (FPCC) has not prior-approved the A-163 or A-164 allocations that were originally set by CFC in February. This means that the allocations for these two periods have become invalid and must be reset by the CFC board of directors. This must be done even though the egg sets for the first four weeks of period A-163 have already occurred and chicks for week 1 of period A-163 have already been placed on farms.

As a result of this decision by FPCC, the CFC Board of Directors will be meeting by conference call on April 14, 2020 to attempt to set anew the allocations for A-163 and A-164. We will inform you of the outcomes of this meeting as soon as possible.

The BCCMB will be reviewing potential policy implications as they relate to this reduction in egg sets and chick orders, and will strive to prevent growers from being impacted inequitably by these policies amendments.

This remains a very fluid situation that has the potential to change often and possibly with little time to react. We appreciate that there are many questions you will have. As more information and details become available we are committed to sharing them as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to work through this unprecedented and continuously evolving situation with our industry partners.

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