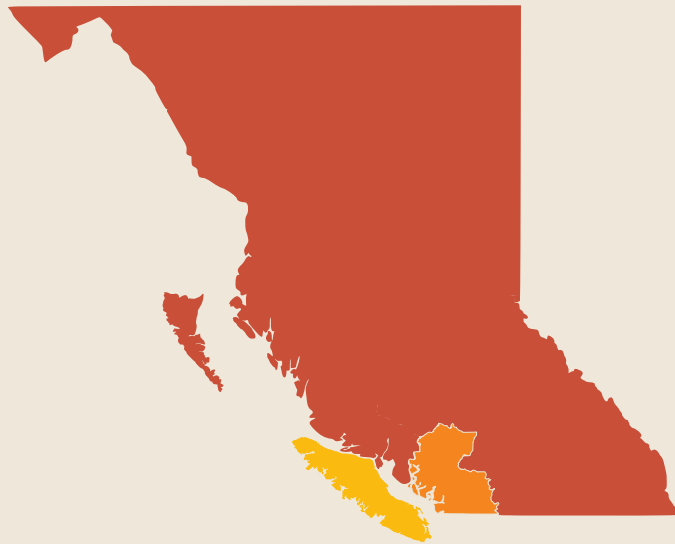




BC Interior Region Quota Conditions

Supplementary Guide to the BCCMB General Orders
November 2025

**So, you want to hold quota and grow
chicken in the BC Interior. Or you
already do.**

**There are some things you ought to
know about the quota.**

Do these conditions apply to me?

For the BCCMB's purposes, farms that are considered part of the BC Interior Region are any premises not in the BC Lower Mainland (Fraser Valley) or Vancouver Island. The definition includes premises in the BC North.

Currently, these are chicken growers with premises registered in the North Okanagan and Fort St. John areas.



What are my processing options?

Remember! A key to chicken-growing is arrangements with a processor. You may hold chicken quota, but you can only get it to market by contracting with a processor.

BC Interior Growers need to work with a registered processor located in the BC Interior. This helps lower your costs and meet demand for locally grown chicken.

For most growers in the Interior, this means working with the only large-scale, conventional licensed processor in the region. This includes chick placements and live bird shipments, which will be facilitated by this processor and its associated hatchery. Alternatively, growers can work with other registered processors such as an abattoir. Please ensure that this is an abattoir licensed by the BCCMB and the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

BC INTERIOR PROCESSOR & HATCHERY

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(250) 546-9223

Can I transfer (sell) my quota?

Remember! A transfer—“to sell and to buy”—involves moving quota holdings from one licensed grower to another licensed grower.

Yes. But quota held in the BC Interior may only be transferred within the BC Interior, following approval by the BCCMB of submitted quota transfer papers and other supporting documents.



Generally, growers growing chicken in the BC Interior should keep their quota holdings in the BC Interior. A grower may not transfer any portion of their quota holdings from the Interior to the Lower Mainland region or Vancouver Island region. This is to maintain a viable chicken-growing industry for communities there.

ABOUT PROCESSORS

For more about meat inspection, processing, and licensing see the

**BC Ministry of Agriculture
and Food's Food Safety**
[www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/
industry](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry)



Can I relocate my quota?

Remember! Relocation involves moving quota between registered premises, but it is still held by the same grower licence (ie. It is not changing ownership; a relocation is not a transfer).

Yes. A grower may relocate their quota holdings to anywhere in BC, but first must:

- be registered and operating in the BC Interior Region for at least two years
- relocate their entire quota holdings
- arrange agreement with a processor in the new location to take their chicken
- give notice to their current processor two allocation cycles before relocation
- apply to the Board and be approved by the Board



And! Once that quota has been moved out of the BC Interior, it may not be transferred (sold) for a minimum of two years after its official date of relocation.

What if I'm a New Entrant Grower?

A New Entrant Grower (NEG) is a chicken grower who entered the industry via the New Entrant Grower Program.

As part of this program, NEG's were granted an amount of quota that is ultimately intended to help expand the chicken-growing industry in certain regions of BC.

There are minimum requirements to the NEG program:



- quota issued to all NEG's are restricted to the region in which they were issued, and as long as a processor exists in the region. (NEG's signed Undertakings that tie it to the region and to the regional processor.)
- quota can be transferred between premises and growers, but again, a grower may transfer quota holdings *only within* the BC Interior. It may not be transferred to another region.
- other restrictions may apply, depending on the program's conditions for the NEG at the time they entered the industry.

Are the conditions the same for specialty quota holders?

Currently there is no specialty chicken industry in the BC Interior; there are no specialty growers or processors in the region. If a grower wants to grow specialty chicken in the BC Interior, a processing and business plan is required for approval.

ASK YOUR EXPERT

To ask about quota relocation or the NEG program, contact:

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READ THE OFFICIAL RULES

For more about relocation or the NEG program, see:

General Orders
Parts 35, 41, & 49
bcchicken.ca/general-orders



Purpose of this document

This document is a supplementary aid to support understanding of the BC Chicken Marketing Board General Orders; it does not take precedence over the policies listed there.

All chicken growers in BC are legally obligated to follow the provincial BC Chicken Marketing Board General Orders – the rules for chicken growing and processing in this province. It is the responsibility of a chicken grower to understand and follow the General Orders.

Authority

The British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board (BCCMB) exercises its federal and provincial powers under the following:

- *Agricultural Products Marketing Acts, British Columbia Chicken Order (SOR/97-424, Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food)*
- *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act, Regulations*
- *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act, British Columbia Chicken Marketing Scheme, 1961*
- *Provincial legislation and oversight by the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB)*

GET THE INFO YOU NEED

Access the most recent copy of the General Orders
bcchicken.ca/general-orders



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