

Alberta Hatching Egg Producers



Summer 2016

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Board News

- **APO Period 50: July 25, 2016 – Sept 18, 2016**

The current saleable chick price for APO 50 is \$0.5503 (100% pd).

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- **Flock Life**

Effective July 6, 2016 flock life was adjusted to 58 weeks.

- **Upcoming Meeting**

The Summer Chick 'n Chat meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Red Deer on August 11, 2016.

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Chick 'n Chat

The Summer Chick n Chat meeting has been re-scheduled to August 11, 2016 and will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 am and end at 5:00 pm. Meeting details and an agenda have been sent out to all producers. Please contact the Board office if you have any questions about this meeting.

CHEP Summer Meeting –July 2016

CHEP held their summer meetings in Winnipeg, July 18th through to 22nd.

Allocations Review National

The 2016 allocation was finalized nationally at 1149.9 kilo tonnes, down by 4,100,000 kilograms for all of Canada. For Alberta this translates into a reduction of approximately 350,000 sets. For 2017 the national chicken allocation remains at 1,189 kilo tonnes, unchanged from March of this year.

Trade

On the trade front, CHEP provided the following reports with respect to the progress of the different trade agreements that have been enacted:

BREXIT:

Amidst growing pressure from many British MPs and from the rise of the nationalist United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), British Prime Minister David Cameron announced in January 2013 that his Conservative government would hold a referendum on European Union membership if his government were re-elected, which it later was in 2015.

On February 22, 2016, Cameron announced a referendum date of June 23, 2016 and set out the legal framework for withdrawal from the EU in the event that the referendum yielded a majority vote to leave. The final result of the referendum, which saw ballots cast by the citizens of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and British citizens abroad, was 52% in favour of leaving the EU, and 48% in favour of remaining, with a turnout of 72% of the eligible electorate. As a result, Prime Minister Cameron will resign (by October), while his successor, as Conservative Party leader will automatically become Prime Minister.

Under Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty (the Treaty of the EU), the process for the UK's withdrawal is expected to take at least two years, though Article 50, which governs the withdrawal, has never been invoked during the entire history of the EU. The aftermath of the Brexit vote has been fraught with confusion, given the lack of certainty about the process that will be followed to remove the UK from the EU, the absence of clear

leadership to see the process through, and the yet-to-be-determined impacts the Brexit may have on previously negotiated or future trade deals that involve the UK, such as the Canada-European Union Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) – which the EU is currently negotiating with the United States of America.

CETA:

A cloud of uncertainty continues to hang over the ratification process of CETA since the United Kingdom's vote to remove itself as a member of the European Union (the so-called "Brexit"). In the aftermath of the Brexit vote, many key EU trade officials were quick to make statements to suggest that both the CETA and the ongoing TTIP agreements will survive the Brexit, despite growing uncertainty about the political will and legal ability to get these deals done in light of a fractured EU membership and the desire by UK officials to seek new trade deals with the EU and elsewhere.

On July 5th, the European Commission confirmed that the CETA trade deal will proceed for ratification as a "mixed" agreement, meaning that voting will need to be held both in Brussels (by the European Council), as well as in each of the 28 individual member country's legislatures. The European Council, which is composed of government leaders from the EU's 28 member countries, is expected to meet in October, in the first of what is expected to be three stages towards the deal's ratification and coming into force. But because the European Council makes its decisions on a consensus basis, every country needs to sign on, therefore CETA can only proceed as long as no country explicitly votes against it.

After the European Council gives its approval, members of the European Parliament will vote in late 2016 or early 2017, though voting in each state's legislature could take significantly longer than ratification by the council and parliament. This would be followed by a final vote by member states through the European Parliament before the European side, likely in 2017, can complete the ratification process.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is expected to be in Brussels for a formal signing ceremony in late October, though it remains unclear when the Canadian government will move to ratify the CETA deal in the House of Commons.

TPP:

As reported previously, the Canadian government signed the TPP agreement in February 2016, triggering the beginning of a two-year period during which time TPP member countries must ratify the agreement through their respective parliaments by February 2018. Should all 12-member countries fail to ratify the TPP by then, the deal will enter into force only after ratification by at least 6 states, which hold together a GDP of more than 85% of the GDP of all signatories.

As the U.S. presidential election date nears in November, much uncertainty remains as to if and when the U.S. government will formally ratify the TPP agreement. While

President Barack Obama continues to seek Congressional approval in 2016, lawmakers and presidential candidates from both major political parties remain opposed to or are ambiguous in their position. The Democratic Party's trade position is to take no firm position on the TPP except to highlight the importance of having U.S. trade agreements adhere to growing labour and environmental standards, with an emphasis on the preservation and creation of jobs for American workers. Meanwhile, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump outlined his trade priorities by saying that he would move to block the TPP agreement in addition to withdrawing the U.S. from the deal altogether. Furthermore, Mr. Trump would move to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and if Canada and Mexico refuse to negotiate, he would simply withdraw the U.S. from the deal.

The U.S. government is working to sell the TPP to Congress, touting the need to level the playing field in international trade by removing barriers and raising standards, particularly in the Asian markets which they feel is key to prevent China from dictating the terms of trade in the lucrative Asian Pacific region. As for Japan, debates continue at the government level, though it is widely believed that the Japanese legislature (the Diet) will consider and approve the TPP agreement following the upcoming national elections on July 10th to elect member to the Diet's upper house. Meanwhile, the Canadian government continues its consultation process, with no firm date established to introduce the TPP agreement into the House of Commons for ratification. Furthermore, the government has yet to decide whether to honour the suite of compensation programs that were announced by the previous Conservative government or to provide different options to help offset damages caused by the TPP and the CETA deals to Canada's supply managed sectors.

New Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys

The new code of practice has been completed for the care of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys. This new code is the fifth edition since the inception of the code of practices. With the new code, CHEP will begin their launch of the National Animal Care program in September of this year. Details of the program will be discussed in Red Deer.

The new poultry Code is available online at www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/chickens-turkeys-and-breeders. Hard copies will be distributed at the Red Deer meeting.

Ag Coalition and Bill 6

The process of moving forward the requirements for developing OH&S standards continues, with the Minister announcing the six table consultation members. The following persons have been appointed to these tables, with supply management being represented in each group.

Group 1: Employment Standards Code

This working group will determine how various employment standards can be implemented in ways that make sense in the context of the agriculture sector.

Chair: David Gould

Members:

- Blaine Staples, Red Deer County, producer, U-Pick and Agri-tourism operator
- Stuart Thiessen, Strathmore, producer (cow/calf and grain), feedlot operator
- Steven Marshman, Strathmore, producer (mixed farming), and Alberta Canola Producers Board Member
- Susan Schafers, Stony Plain, egg farmer
- Gweneth Feeny, Edmonton, senior researcher Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
- Joel Beatson, Edmonton, executive director Landscape Alberta
- Gordon Tait, Lethbridge, partner Meyers Norris Penny LLP (representative of Hutterian Brethren)
- Martin d'Entremont, Calgary, United Nurses of Alberta
- James Suydam, Calgary, retired agri-food worker
- Laurie Fries, Wainwright, mixed livestock producer
- Tjerk (Jack) Dejong, Fairview, former producer (crop and hog)
- Morgan Gallatin, Wetaskiwin, worker, dairy worker

Group 2: Employment Standards Code

This working group will determine how to ensure Alberta's laws are compliant with recent Supreme Court decisions.

Chair: Cheryl Yingst Bartel

Members:

- John Lawton, Edmonton, producer, cattle feeder
- John Bland, Strathmore, producer and former RCMP Officer and Livestock Investigator
- Mark Chambers, Acme, worker/manager in large-scale hog production
- Martin van Diemen, Picture Butte, producer (dairy, poultry and mixed crops), director with Alberta Milk and Alberta Chicken Producers
- Karen Shaw, Sturgeon County, Sturgeon County Councillor
- Devin Yeager, Red Deer, secretary treasurer, UFCW Local 1118
- Dewey Funk, St. Albert, dairy and beef experience, labour relations officer, United Nurses of Alberta

- Terence Hochstein, Taber, executive director, Potato Growers of Alberta
- Grace Strom, High River, Alberta Beekeepers' Commission, producer
- Leanne Chahley, Lethbridge, lawyer
- Barret Weber, Edmonton, director of research, Alberta Federation of Labour
- David Miller, Fairview, Farm worker

Groups 3 & 4: OHS Review of Existing Requirements and Exceptions

These working groups will consider the applicability of parts 1-29 of the Occupational Health and Safety Code with the unique considerations of farm and ranch work.

Technical Working Group Three

Chair: Wendy Hassen

Members:

- Shannon Jacobi, Edmonton, president of the Alberta Occupational Health Nurses Association
- Kent Erickson, Irma, producer (cow/calf, mixed crops) and Alberta Wheat Commission Director
- Glenn Norman, Red Deer County, producer (cow/calf and commercial forage)
- Jacqueline Gerlach, Edmonton, health and safety consultant
- Corey Beck, Sexsmith, County of Grande Prairie councillor, cow/calf producer
- Tom Vandermeer, Morinville, farm worker
- Tyler Kueber, Killam, producer
- Barbara McKinley, Edmonton, WCB consultant
- Humphrey Banack, Camrose, producer (grains and oilseeds)
- Philippa Thomas, Cochrane, injured farm worker and farm safety activist
- Jurgen Preugschas, Mayerthorpe, producer (hog, beef and grain)
- Anita Heuver, Strathmore, tree nursery operator

Technical Working Group Four

Chair: Don Mallon

Members:

- Justin Knol, Lethbridge, mixed grain and speciality seed worker
- Gerald Finster, Valleyview, producer (grain)
- Gregory Sears, Sexsmith, producer, (grain, pulse and oilseed) and Alberta Canola Producers board chair
- Jason Foster, Edmonton, assistant professor of human resources and labour relations with Athabasca University
- Fred Niehoss, Camrose, farm worker and producer
- Erna Ference, Black Diamond, Alberta Chicken Producer
- Rients Palsma, Duchess, dairy farmer, former farm worker and agricultural instructor
- Al Kemmere, Olds, Mountain View County reeve and AAMDC director
- Kari Bergerud, Edmonton, nurse
- Connie Seutter, Edmonton, elk rancher and chair of the Alberta Elk Commission
- Russel Pickett, Bassano, producer (cattle, hay, and irrigated cereals)
- Vincent Geerligs, Welling, farm employee, mixed crops and feedlot

Groups 5: OHS Best Practices

This working group will assist with the review of current best practices related to healthy and safe operations on farms and ranches, and provide advice, suggestions, and recommendations on the best practices prevalent in the agricultural sector.

Chair: Klaus Opatril

Members:

- Jody Bignell, Rimbey, producer (mixed farming) and farm worker
- Jennifer Buck, Calgary, farm worker (equine manager)
- Allan Child, Killam, producer (dairy and mixed crops)
- Jim Hole, St. Albert, market garden/greenhouse/garden centre
- Les Oakes, Millarville, president Alberta Equestrian Federation
- John Waldner, Foremost, manager at Kingslake Hutterite Colony
- Miranda These, Tilley, worker (safety coordinator)
- Don Voaklander, Edmonton, professor and director of the Injury Prevention Centre within the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta
- Alfred Borbely, Millarville, farm worker
- Dale Collison, Bruce, producer (grain and cattle) and former agri-food worker, Beaver County Councillor
- Gregory Harris, Cremona, cattle and forage farm worker and former police officer
- Tom Kennelly, Wainwright, worker Sun Haven Farms

Groups 6: OHS Education, Training and Certification

This working group will assist with a review of the current OHS education and training tools available for farms and ranches, and provide recommendations to Labour and Agriculture and Forestry on which education, training, and certification requirements the agriculture sector will be able to use or find useful.

Chair: Kelly Williams-Whitt

Members:

- Doreen Neilley, Rocky Rapids, Bison Producers Association of Alberta
- Tim van der Hoek, Vauxhall, pulse producer, irrigation
- Jeff Kamlah, turkey producer and vice-chair of the Alberta Turkey Producers
- Jared Matsunaga-Turnbull, Edmonton, executive director of the Alberta Workers' Health Centre
- Richard Truscott, Calgary, vice-president, CFIB, small- and medium-sized businesses
- David Kolotylo, Willingdon, producer
- Eric Musekamp, Bow Island, Farm Workers Union of Alberta
- Candace Martens, Calgary, public legal educator at the Calgary Workers' Resource Centre
- Janice Peterson, labour representative
- Judy Finseth, Okotoks, co-manager of Bar Pipe Hereford Ranch
- Brian Acton, farm worker, grains and oilseeds
- Page Stuart, Vegreville, producer, past chair Alberta Cattle Feeders Association

The six tables have met twice to work toward the development of OH&S standards for safe farms and ranches. The discussions have been described as being brisk and working towards common understandings. If producers know any of the persons listed, they can contact them to better understand some of the issues. In order to connect with producers, the Ag – Coalition sponsored member consultation meetings in Lethbridge, Nisku and Grande Prairie. The process with the 6 tables is expected to conclude this year, with the development of an OH&S approach for farmers and ranchers.

Summer SM-5 Events



The Alberta Hatching Egg Producers work in collaboration with the other supply managed groups (table eggs, dairy, chicken and turkey) and make up SM-5. This group participates in a variety of events throughout the year; most recently found at the Premier's Stampede Breakfast in Calgary on July 11th and the Premier's K-days Breakfast on July 20th in Edmonton. Representatives from each industry were present at the events to promote supply management to both the public and to MLA's. Cora Scheele and Ashley Rietveld and family did a great job representing the Alberta Hatching Egg Producers!

Alberta Growth Policy

With Alberta moving forward to develop capacity in the short and long term, the AHEP board continues to work on a Growth Policy that was rolled out on April 12th of this year.

Our current regulations do not align with the proposed Alberta Growth Policy; however your board continues to move the process forward. The board has adopted an interim measure through the April 30th **"Administrative Order to Increase Production of Broiler Hatching Eggs"**. This interim measure has been used in other poultry sectors to facilitate the longer-term capacity of an industry.

The AHEP board has submitted, to Marketing Council, amendments to our regulation to move forward the components outlined in the growth policy document. Slight modifications to the proposed policy may be required; however the AHEP board is committed to achieve growth in the Broiler Hatching Egg Industry, while ensuring Alberta's competitiveness.

New Entrant Program

Directors and staff have further refined the new entrant program, outlined in the Alberta Growth Strategy and will provide further details to producers on the program and a launch date. The board and staff will be revisiting and reviewing the updated plan and program in early August. Canadian broiler hatching egg producers that have launched these programs with success include, Quebec and British Columbia. Manitoba and Saskatchewan continue to work on the development of a new entrant program.

Assurance of Supply Policy

To ensure the growth allocated to Alberta for both National allocations and Deferential Growth, the AHEP board has developed a Draft Policy to ensure assurance of supply of broiler hatching product in Alberta. The policy mimics the allocation distribution of unproduced production in Ontario whereby unproduced allocation is simply redistributed quarterly to producers able to achieve the production.

A draft of the policy will be distributed prior to the August 11 Chick 'N Chat meeting.

Policy Review

The AHEP board has established a Policy Review committee and is currently in the process of reviewing all our producer production policies. The purpose of the review of these policies is to ensure they are current and relevant to Alberta's broiler breeder sector.

The committee met in June and will provide a recommendation to the board on their findings and recommendations.

ILWG

Attached is the latest report from the ILWG that deals with many matters including the WCB and OH&S concerns. An emerging issue with the ILWG is the discussions of funding deficits at the County and Municipal levels of government. Intensive Livestock organizations have had discussions in the past on how best to fund the County and Municipal infrastructures. Some of the suggestions that were considered were a footprint approach to municipal taxation on a farms livestock capacity (per species basis) as well as considering a per head tax on manure output.

This matter was not resolved, and today there are unfunded liabilities at County Municipal Levels that are being approached through county councils on an ad hoc as needed basis. The AHEP continues to work on the taxation committee for raising infrastructure funding in a uniform and methodical manner.

Marketplace

Looking to purchase or lease quota.

Please call or email Matt @ (780)305-4746 or mattnan18@hotmail.com

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For Sale: New van Gent astro turf nest pads

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