

ALBERTA

Hatching Egg Newsletter



Fall | 2018

It was a somewhat odd summer in Alberta this year. Heavy thunderstorms, temperatures above 30C, heavy smoke from BC wildfires and an abrupt end to the summer heat characterized 2018. As summer draws to a close, we hope that all the harvesting and back-to-school activities go well, and that you enjoy this issue.



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SM5 Summer Meetings

Supply management has had its fair share of exposure this past spring and summer, in terms of public debate regarding the promotion to consumers that the system costs the average consumer approximately \$250 more per year than the average US citizen. To address these comments, the SM5 participated in the following opportunities throughout the summer to promote supply management messaging.

Alberta Trade Minister Bilous (Edmonton)

The SM5 met with Alberta Minister of Trade Deron Bilous in June and discussed Alberta's Supply Management values and position on NAFTA. Minister Bilous appreciated our meeting; however requested specifics in terms of what SM5 provide to the US in terms of trade access and the reciprocity that Canada gets from the US in terms of trade. SM5 provided a comprehensive review for the Minister which he used at the PNWER (Pacific NorthWest Economic Region) Summit held in Seattle this summer. The document addressed matters of trade reciprocity and the current benefits both countries receive from the NAFTA agreement.

International Agriculture and Agri trade Symposium (Calgary)

The meeting was held during the Calgary Stampede and considered options and alternatives to Supply Management with notable speaker Martha Hall Findley speaking to promote the dissolution of supply management in favor of an open market system with perceived benefits to the Canadian consumer. Directors and producers from SM5 attended the event to address matters pertaining to supply management.

2018 AGRITRADE SYMPOSIUM

INNOVATION | TRADE | PROSPERITY

Upcoming Events

October 30th

Chick 'n Chat
Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer

APO Period 64

Sept 17 – Nov 11, 2018
Saleable Chick Price
APO 64 – \$0.5817 (100% pd)

SM5 Summer Meetings

National Conservative Convention (Halifax)

One of the goals of this convention was the discussions of resolutions to be voted upon at the Economic, Trade and Environment session. If the resolutions received support, they were moved forward to the Plenary Session on the last day for consideration of policy development for the Canadian Conservative Party. The resolution of concern for the SM5 was the resolution from central Alberta that proposed "In order to lower the cost of food for Canadians, strengthen the agricultural sector and open more markets worldwide for Canadian exporters, a Conservative government will phase-out supply management while smoothing the market adjustment for Canadian Farmers". Each resolution was allocated 12 minutes for debate and voting. However, this resolution was #26 and did not make it to debate, as only 19/26 resolutions made it to the floor.

The SM5 resolution may be considered at the next Conservative Convention after the October 2019 federal election. SM5 directors and delegates were at the convention supporting the facts on supply management.

UCP Meeting (Edmonton)

In late August, the Chairs of SM5 met with Alberta United Conservative Party (UCP) leader Jason Kenny to discuss SM5 and the impacts of NAFTA on our system. The meeting was a positive forum that had candid conversation on the impact on a stable Canadian Agriculture system. If producers would like to further discuss the meeting, please contact director Jeff Notenbomer.

The Van Horne Institute, NAFTA Symposium

This a symposium being held October 3, 2018 which will have a panel discussing Supply Management. Some of our SM5 Chairs will be on the panel to address matters on Supply Management. If producers are interested in supporting our directorships and attending, please call the office.



From Left to Right: Dennis Stienwand, Jeff Kamlah, Jason Kenney, Jason Born, Jeff Notenbomer, Tom Kootstra

Producer Services

Projects are on-going to meet the goals set out by the board at the beginning of 2018.

Data Collection

Alex McCreedy is available to help with data management, and is currently helping producers already. All data is confidential and will not be shared with any third parties. You can contact Alex at alex@ahep.ca.



SM5 producers and MLA's at the Edmonton Premier's K-Days Breakfast

Premier's Breakfast

Alberta SM5 was once again a key sponsor for the Calgary and Edmonton Premier's breakfasts this year. The Calgary Premier's Stampede Breakfast was held on Monday July 9th at the McDougall Centre in downtown Calgary, and was the most successful Premier's Stampede Breakfast to date. The Edmonton K-days Premier's Pancake Breakfast was held on Thursday July 19th at the Alberta Legislature Grounds and record numbers of Edmontonians took in the event. Representatives from all the SM5 Boards were in attendance, and the morning was filled with positive conversations between producers and MLA's about supply management. For both events the SM5 commodities donated eggs, sausage (turkey and chicken) and dairy products. Both events were deemed successful.

Allocation Review

The AHEP and Alberta Hatchery Association met on August 23, 2018 to discuss domestic hatching egg requirements for the remainder of 2018, 2019 and initial projections for 2020. The Alberta Chicken Producers (ACP) has projected 2018 production to be 6.61% over 2017 production. This is reflected in only a 5% increase in total hatching allocation to Alberta from CHEP, due to an increase in the meat to egg ratio for Alberta. It was concluded that the current 58-week designated flock life will remain for 2018.

CHEP has received estimates that chicken production for 2019 will be 3.0% over 2018 however, 3.5% increase is projected for Alberta due to the differential growth formula used by Chicken Farmers of Canada. The meat to egg ratio for Alberta will be monitored to determine if a 3.5% increase for 2019 will be required in hatching eggs to achieve the increase in chicken kg. Assuming no change in the meat to egg ratio, the AHEP has increased hatching egg quota by 2.0% effective January 7, 2019. Of this increase, 0.2% is granted to the new entrant quota pool and 1.8% to current licensed quota holders. When reviewing projections for domestic egg supply all hatcheries were comfortable with AHEP's current plan but will review needs following the CHEP directors meeting in November. It is anticipated that more production may be required for the end of 2019 and into 2020.

Preliminary analysis of data from flocks that have finished production over the past 3 years shows a wide range in the numbers of eggs per hen between flocks. Calculations are based on the number of female chicks placed, therefore, it is not known if a flock with low eggs per hen is a result of lower production per hen or because there were fewer hens available in the lay barn. This data will be further discussed at October's Chick 'N Chat meeting.

Please Review!



Regulation Review – Important Deadline

At the spring Chick 'n Chat meetings held in Westlock and Strathmore the AHEP presented producers with recommended changes to our Plan and Regulations. Directors reviewed the proposed recommendations and asked that producers consider the 3 column documents (provided via the meeting, email and mail) and provide written comments to the recommendations. We ask that producers please provide comments by **October 15**.

At the October Chick 'n Chat meeting, we will again review the recommendation along with submitted producer comments and input.

We have a deadline of September 1, 2019 to complete this process.

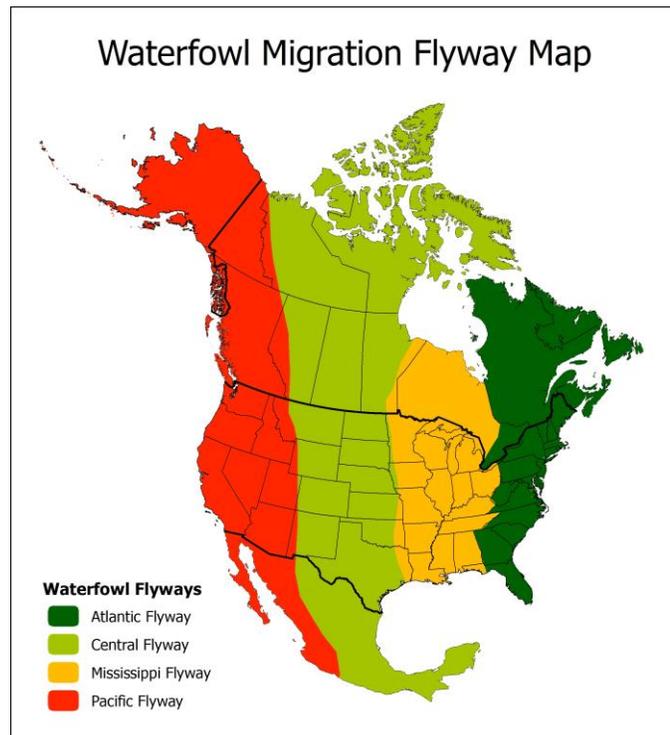
Avian Influenza (AI) Insurance Through PIE

At the June Chick 'N Chat meetings, the AHEP board and producers discussed a potential option to add an AI insurance component to the Salmonella enteritidis (SE) component that the AHEP currently subscribes to.

Under the Federal Health of Animals Act, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), provides compensation for long-lived birds due to AI contamination based on bird value, but will not cover lost revenue from these flocks' remaining flock life. The PIE board has investigated providing AI insurance as a top-up to what CFIA provided in the past for remaining flock life income. Some Producers commented that they feel their personal insurance may cover them for AI. This was discussed with PIE and they have provided the following comments:

There are other policies available, but they are far more expensive. PIE explained that the Chicken Farmers of Ontario and Ontario Turkey Producers investigated other options but chose to go with PIE instead. Further, the ability to collect with private insurance is not as effective or necessarily as generous as PIE. Another factor brought forth by PIE was that sales brokers often commit to the producer that they are, or can be, covered. However, the mechanism for claims is done by a third party and can take a long time.

Producers commented to the board at the Chick 'N Chat meetings that they were supportive of adding AI as a peril through PIE. Alberta producers are encouraged to check with their own insurance providers regarding coverage for AI. As with the Salmonella insurance held with PIE, all flocks must be insured, and it is not possible to opt out. The board will review the feedback they received at the June Chick 'N Chat meetings, together with any further comments from producers and will announce their recommendation at the October 30th Chick 'N Chat meeting in Red Deer. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of your directors or the board office.



Red Deer Producer Pricing Meeting

The Alberta Hatching Egg Producers board held a meeting on August 1, 2018 in Red Deer to discuss approaches to pricing for the near future. An agenda was sent out to all producers prior to the meeting which had 8 agenda items addressing pricing in Alberta. Each item was discussed with attendees, who were asked for feedback on which they felt was the most sustainable approach. Producers supported that the AHEP continue to pursue pricing matters as prescribed through producer regulations.

Producers who would like more details on the meeting discussions are invited to contact your directors or the board office.

PRC Research Collaboration Meeting- Overview

August 24th-25th, 2018

The Poultry Research Centre hosted a meeting that brought together industry members from all four poultry commodities, researchers from Alberta and Saskatchewan and agriculture government researchers to discuss the future and potential of poultry research to enhance the Alberta poultry industry. Each poultry group gave a brief presentation about current research opportunities and challenges in their industry. Researchers and Government gave brief presentations regarding the capabilities of their respective facilities and the strengths of their researchers. Small groups were formed to identify how to connect the issues industry faces with the capabilities of researchers.

Perspectives:

Overall, there are a lot more research groups out there than previously thought. We had assumed that some researchers were only interested in one commodity, while in reality they were interested in working with multiple groups on a similar issue. This meeting helped to broaden the perspectives of both researchers and farmers at the meeting in seeing how the other works and what the other is looking for. A consistent theme was the goal of better communication between industry and research, to avoid duplicating work that has already been done, and transferring that knowledge effectively



CPV Diagnostics

In the late 1990's, the Alberta Government made the decision to move away from a publicly funded/operated diagnostic system for poultry. To replace this system, industry, government and veterinary contractors were encouraged to contemplate how to replace the diagnostic model and develop the service for poultry producers in Alberta. This structure was launched and was called the Poultry Health Center of Excellence (PHCE). This entity was supported by the Poultry Industry Organizations (ACP, EFA, AHEP and ATP), the Alberta Government and Poultry

Health Service (a veterinary poultry contractor organization). The PHCE structure operated successfully for approximately 15 years. The four poultry boards are reviewing the system going forward, given changes in funding and budgetary constraints. A diagnostics review panel is being proposed to recommend a strategy and business plan in order to have diagnostics availability in Alberta. As details on the initiative unfold, we will provide updates.

A strategy that encouraged collaboration between industry, government and veterinary contractors was developed to service the poultry producers in Alberta.

Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) - Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Producer Program

The CAP programs are slowly being rolled out, with 10 different programs now accepting applications. One that may be of interest to poultry producers is the Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Producer Program. This program supports active producers with assessing their environmental risks and implementing beneficial management practices (BMP's) that reduce the risk of agricultural contaminants entering water or soil resources, benefitting their business, enhancing public trust and the environment. While there are three different categories of fundable activities, Category B: Manure and Livestock Facilities Management might be the most applicable to growers. Interested producers can visit the programs website here:

https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/STEW_PROD

Green Certificate Program Launch – Poultry Technician

AHEP was proud to contribute to the development of the Poultry Technician Module of the Green Certificate Program. The program was launched in Coaldale AB on September 14, the program is now available for use. A huge thank you goes out to the Alberta producers who contributed their time and expertise toward the development of the module. You have assisted in the future sustainability of Alberta's poultry sector by attracting youth to the industry!

You can find an official release from the Government of Alberta here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=606267E8109D6-DCFA-89B3-E8B44574AF6D84E1>

Chick 'n Chat Meetings

Notes from the 2018 Spring Chick 'n Chat Meetings were distributed in July. **The next Chick 'n Chat will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer on October 30th.**

Farm Safety During Harvest....from the August 20, 2018 issue of Agrinews

During harvest, a lot of work needs to be done in a short amount of time. It is often during this busy time that priorities shift and safety can be compromised. Harvest is the peak season for agricultural-related injuries and fatalities according to [Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting](#). These harvest safety tips can help keep young workers and children living on the farm safe this fall.

Proper training and supervision

Information from the [Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety](#) shows that new and young workers have a higher rate of injury on the job.

Enclosed are some tips to help train young workers effectively:

- Explain techniques that will make a task easier.
- Provide comprehensive training for complex tasks such as equipment operation.
- Specify dos and don'ts of safe equipment operation.
- Ensure appropriate warning decals are in place and understood by all workers.
- Identify hazards and show how to eliminate or control them.
- Once training is complete, monitor job performance to ensure your workers fully understand the job and are following all safety precautions.
- Provide information about equipment maintenance requirements and records.
- Provide proper and adequate supervision where needed.

Safe play areas

For farms where very young children live, its recommended to build a safe play area so children can play outside without the risk of being injured by harvest activities.

The safe play area should:

- Be designated and reinforced by boundaries or physical barriers such as fences, gates or shrubs.
- Have competent supervision and always be within sight and sound of a responsible adult.
- Have safety rules for all children, including additional explanations for visitors/friends.
- Be away from vehicle traffic and other hazards such as machinery or unstable structures.
- Be free from loud noises.
- Be free from open water and drowning hazards such as ponds, dugouts, or ditches.
- Have adequate shade from the sun.
- Provide adequate shelter from the wind, dust, or hazardous airborne particles.
- Be protected with a strong barrier separating children from farm animals.
- Have first aid, hand washing, and toilet facilities nearby.
- Be easily and regularly maintained - grass mowed, remove poisonous plants, sharp rocks, insect nests, etc.
- Provide enough space to run and explore.
- Contain safe and age-appropriate play equipment such as a sandbox, swings, and playhouse.

For more information about harvest safety tips please visit the Alberta Farm Safety Program's website at www.agriculture.alberta.ca/farmsafety.

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It's the Fall Waterfowl Migration

THIS IS A PERIOD OF INCREASED RISK FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA

BIOSECURITY Is Your Best Defense!

- Review your biosecurity protocols & address gaps
- Discuss biosecurity with your staff and family
- Change footwear before entering the restricted area
- Deter waterfowl around your barn and water sources
- Manage risks when giving poultry access to the outdoors
- Keep your barn doors locked
- Ensure EVERYONE entering your barn follows strict biosecurity protocols EVERY time they enter

RECOGNIZE & REPORT

Recognize signs of disease:

- High mortality: more than 0.5% for 2 days in a row
- Drop in egg production of more than 5% over 2 days
- Swollen head, sneezing, coughing, diarrhea

Take Action Immediately:

- Call your vet • Call your Board
- Initiate a self-quarantine
- Submit birds to the lab

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ABVMA Dispensing Antibiotics

The Alberta Poultry industries have been in discussions with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA) pertaining to the changes in antibiotic dispensing via a veterinary practitioner effective December 1, 2018. The SM4 have met with the ABVMA on three separate occasions via the Intensive Livestock Working Group and Alberta Chicken Producers Supply Chain Committee. As discussions proceed, the meetings have identified the following producers concerns:

- Definition and qualifications of veterinary-client relationships
- On-farm mixing of DIN product
- Dispensing of injectables and DIN product antimicrobials
- ABVMA compliance requirements for dispensing
- Costs
- Backyard flocks and risks
- Responsibility of the hatchery veterinarian

The meetings have been productive in identifying real situations that our industry will be facing, effective December 2018. Gauging from the past three meetings, it is apparent that veterinarians will have a much larger responsibility and accountability to the new legislation in order to supply enough resources to achieve the compliance of these new rules.



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