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## *AHEP E-Blast* *June 12, 2020*

### Sampling for Salmonella at Chick Placement

Effective immediately, the chick pad sampling at chick delivery has been replaced with a gauze pad sampling protocol.

At Aviagen's hatchery, personnel will place 3 gauze pads into select chick boxes. These boxes will be clearly identified. At chick delivery, the driver will remove the gauze pads from the marked boxes and place them in pre-labeled bags they have brought with them. The driver should be wearing gloves for this procedure. Once collected and the bag sealed, the driver will hand the bag to you or your hatchery service representative. From this point, the procedure is the same as it has been. Your hatchery should provide you with a sampling kit prior to placement. Please ensure the submission form is completed in its entirety. Place the bag of gauze samples and the submission form into a clean plastic bag. This bag can then be placed into the brown envelope and stored in the fridge (NOT FREEZER) until next egg pick up. Give the envelope to the egg truck driver as usual.

It is our understanding this process will also take place at spiker male placements as well. If you have any questions please contact Nancy at (780)686-1023 OR [nancy@ahep.ca](mailto:nancy@ahep.ca)

### PPE Sourcing

The Government of Alberta has updated the requirements around sourcing of PPE from the Provincial Operations Center. As of July 1, 2020, businesses not in the sectors designated with highest COVID-19 exposure risk will be required to once again source PPE through their own suppliers. The Government has indicated that any pending or ongoing order will be contacted to see if they still require their order. Information on PPE suppliers is available on the Alberta BizConnect webpage ([www.alberta.ca/biz-connect](http://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect)) to help organizations and businesses source their own PPE supplies.

### CHEQ Program and Animal Care Audits

CHEQ & Animal Care audits for AHEP are scheduled to begin in July 2020. Please find attached some guidelines to help minimize the risk of COVID-19 to both you and the auditor. Please contact Jesse ([jesse@ahep.ca](mailto:jesse@ahep.ca)) for help completing your animal care equipment capacity calculations or any other audit questions.

### Canada Youth Employment and Skills Program

The Youth Employment and Skills Program provides a wage subsidy to employers who hire youth 30 years old or under for agricultural jobs. The program offers support for 50% of wages to a maximum of \$14,000. The program also offers up to \$5,000 for relocation costs. Click [here for more information](#).

### Farm Security Reminder – New Hires

All farms must continue to be vigilant in screening new hires. Activism continues to be present in Alberta and we need to consider the opportunity of undercover hires, or hires that may have ill-intentions.



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- Does your new hire have agriculture experience?
  - Did you know them prior to them applying for a position on your farm? If not, be sure to ask for a resume and check references diligently.
  - If you're unable to determine the of the legitimacy of their experience and expertise, please contact the AHEP Office to help with further screening.

As well, a friendly reminder that we must continue to educate and reiterate the importance of farm security and animal care to employees and family.

### ILWG Public Trust Survey – Improving the Image of CFO's

Alberta Hatching Egg Producers are a member of the **Intensive Livestock Working Group (ILWG)**, which **includes**; Alberta Beef Producers - Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association - Alberta Chicken Producers - Alberta Hatching Egg Producers - Alberta Milk - Alberta Pork Producers - Alberta Turkey Producers - Egg Farmers of Alberta.

As an explanation, the Intensive Livestock Working Group (ILWG) is a strategic alliance of Alberta's mainstream livestock and poultry organizations with a mandate is to bring coordination, continuity and the best possible information into a process that facilitates the discussion of common issues facing the livestock/poultry industry.

The ILWG through our organization; is surveying key stakeholders like yourself, along with crop producers and rural municipal officials to provide insight around the **public perception of confined feeding operations (CFO's)**. The insights gained through the survey will inform livestock producers on how gain public trust in how they operate within their communities as valued businesses. The ILWG has retained the services of MNP as project consultants.

The insights gathered through your perceptions will inform future conversations around how our sector can grow while ensuring trust and cooperation in communities.

We encourage you to take time to complete this survey prior to July 3rd, 2020 which will be automatically submitted electronically when all questions are answered. **All responses are anonymous, and the survey will take approximately 5 - 7 minutes to complete.**

Please click on the link below to open the survey:

[ILWG Engagement Survey](#)



## AgSafe Alberta June 2020 Newsletter

Click on the image below to read the AgSafe Alberta June Newsletter.



## Alberta Hatching Egg Current Price

**APO 75 May 24, 2020 through July 18, 2020**

**WITH REFERENCE TO THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT,**

**R.S.A. c. M-4**

**Section 23**

	<b>O.C. 138/2010</b>	<b>AR 59/2010</b>	<b>AHEP AR 283/96</b>
<b>Regarding the Pricing of Broiler Hatching Eggs (Saleable Chicks)</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Price per Saleable Chick</b>
<b>APO Period</b>			<b>100% Paid</b>
APO75/A164	May 24, 2020	July 18, 2020	<b>\$0.5908</b>

