



BC FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

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Bill Vanderspek
Chair
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

Dear Chair Vanderspek:

RE: BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERIM DECISION TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN HATCHERIES AS DESIGNATED AGENCIES

On February 13, 2025, I [directed](#) the British Columbia Hatching Egg Commission (Commission) to report back to the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB), by April 15, 2025, on its progress in discussions with the Hatcheries on outstanding sector issues, including but not limited to: marketable egg definition, hatchery margin, and financial protection on escalating costs of US sourced eggs.

I would like to thank the Commission for its report received by BCFIRB on April 15 and acknowledge the time and efforts of the Commission and the British Columbia Egg Hatchery Association (BCEHA) to work on these important matters.

The Commission's report indicates progress to date and further steps it will take with BCEHA:

- **Marketable Egg Definition and Hatching Egg Reporting System (HERS):** A two-year pilot project for the marketable egg definition has been initiated using data from HERS. The Commission and BCEHA agreed to initiate the pilot project after four weeks of on-time and accurate reporting by BCEHA members to the Commission using HERS. The Commission also noted as of April 3, 2025, all hatcheries have submitted reports through HERS.
- **Hatchery Margin:** The Commission has approved a full four cent hatchery margin increase effective pricing period A-195.
- **Hatchery Cost of Production:** The Commission notes the above increase is an interim solution and that it has requested a long-term solution from the BCEHA and Primary Poultry Processors Association of BC (PPPABC).
- **Spot Market Pricing:** The Commission is seeking information from the BCEHA to better understand potential supports for spot market import pricing.
- **Vaccination Costs:** Vaccination costs have been updated in the Commission's cost of production formula and the BCEHA is working with the Commission on a long-term strategy to address future updates.

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DIRECTION

I am pleased with the progress to date on these issues, and the Commission's plans with BCEHA to work towards resolution. To that end, I am directing the Commission to continue to report back to BCFIRB on these matters and other related issues that may arise by September 15, 2025.

I understand that other stakeholders involved in BC's broiler hatching egg supply chain have a keen interest in these issues and their resolution. Consultation with these stakeholders is an important part of active resolution and I encourage the Commission to find ways to support stakeholder participation in discussions about these important sector matters.

Regards,



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BC Farm Industry Review Board

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