

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER





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PRODUCER REPRESENTATIVES- If you have poultry matters which need attention, please contact your Producer Representative to bring them forward for discussion at the Industry Advisory Committee Meetings. These meetings are held twice a year, in the spring and in the fall.

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Alberta Chicken Producers' 2021 Annual General Meeting

In preparation for our AGM and Producers' Only Meeting on March 2, 2021, enclosed with this newsletter are the:

- [Proposed Meeting Agendas.](#)
- [Minutes of the February 25, 2020 Annual General Meeting.](#)
- [ACP's 2020 Annual Report.](#)
- [2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements.](#)
- [2021 AGM Process and Voting Procedures.](#)
- [Certificate of Appointed Representative.](#)
- [Statutory Declaration For Voting,](#) and
- Nomination Forms for the [Board or Directors](#) and [Producer Representative](#) Positions.

Documentation related to our Producers' Only Meeting is available for producers on our Producers' Only Portal.

As a reminder, Alberta Chicken Producers' AGM will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. MST using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. If you have not yet registered, we encourage you to do so before February 23, 2021.

To register for the meeting, please click here:

[Producer Registration](#)

[Industry Registration](#)

Once registered, a confirmation email will be sent to you. If you have already registered and have not received a confirmation email, please contact Caitlin Kaiser at 780-203-4605.

Director Elections:

Two Director positions are open for election this year:

- Rob van Diemen completes his first three-year term and will be running for re-election.
- Henk Schuur completes his first three-year term and has decided to retire from the Board.

To nominate a fellow producer, please complete the enclosed Board of Director Nomination Form and return it to Returning Officer, Karen Kirkwood via email to kkirkwood@chicken.ab.ca by the morning of March 2, 2021. Alternatively, nominations may also be accepted from the 'virtual' floor during the meeting (*refer to the [2021 AGM Process and Voting Procedures](#) document attached*).

Virtual Meeting – Testing & Support for Attendees:

All registered producers and guests will have the opportunity to test logging into a Zoom meeting and using its functions. Producers will also receive training on casting a vote via Simply Voting. Following your registration, on February 23, 2021 you will be sent an email from Data on the Spot via the email address: vote@simplyvoting.com with instructions on how to use the Zoom meeting platform and the electronic voting software Simply Voting.

It is strongly encouraged that all producers take advantage of the pre-meeting test opportunity to ensure no technical difficulties during the AGM. For your reference, attached is a detailed procedure for the meeting and election process.

Rest assured, there will be plenty of support before and during the meeting for anyone who is unfamiliar with joining a Zoom meeting or using the software. In the meantime, please contact Caitlin Kaiser at ckaiser@chicken.ab.ca or 780-203-4605 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention. We hope to see you all virtually on March 2nd!



2020 Annual Report



Elevated Risk of Highly-Pathogenic Avian Influenza in 2021

North America has been pretty quiet for the last few years when it comes to Highly-Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). But we have some early warning signs that we will be at a higher risk level in 2021. Avian disease analysts have been monitoring the pattern of spread of HPAI in Europe and Asia and report that the pattern this year is almost a perfect match for 2014, when HPAI was introduced into North America through migratory bird routes and tens of millions of birds from infected flocks were culled or succumbed to the virus.

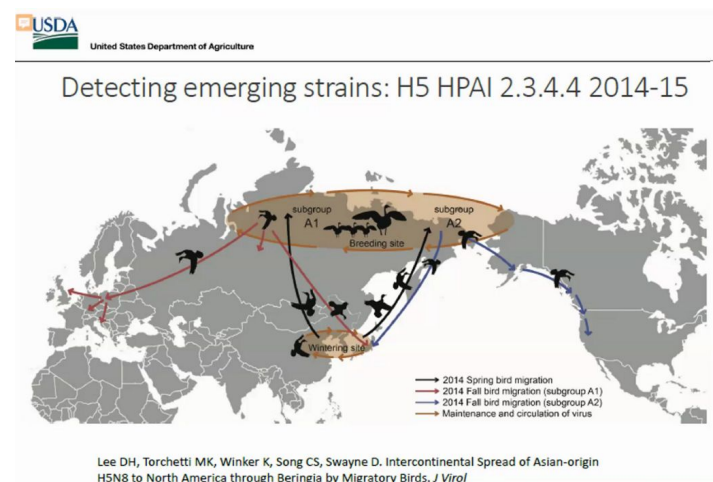
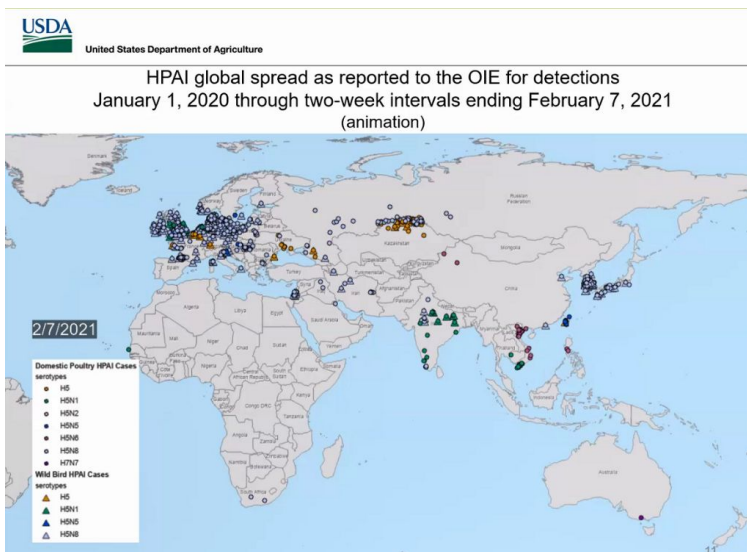
The risk from the Pacific flyway is of particular concern to us due to the movement of people and products between Alberta and BC. Since migratory birds typically do not come into direct contact with commercial birds raised in closed barns, the primary risk is from tracking in the virus after coming into contact with feces from infected wild birds. An analysis of recent infections in Japanese farms indicated that in spite of heightened concern about HPAI in the area, the vast majority of farms that fell sick were due to people bringing it into the barns through biosecurity errors.

With migratory birds from infected areas set to arrive in North America, this is a good time to do a walk-around of the barns to check for damage to screens or structure that could be access points for birds or other potential disease vectors. More importantly, it's a good time to review your footwear changes and handwashing practices before going into your bird areas. As feces are a primary vector for disease spread, footwear changes and handwashing before entering your bird area are very important.

BC has raised their biosecurity alert status in anticipation of the arrival of migratory birds and the USDA has been holding information calls to alert the industry of the potential additional risk of HPAI in 2021. Analysis of HPAI movement among US poultry farms in 2014-2015 and now again from Japanese infections show humans are unfortunately a big part of disease spread.

There are numerous ways HPAI may find its way into your barn that are out of your control, but you have control over the biosecurity protocols for people and for equipment, so let's make extra sure to get that right in 2021 and hopefully the growing concerns can end up being a non-event.

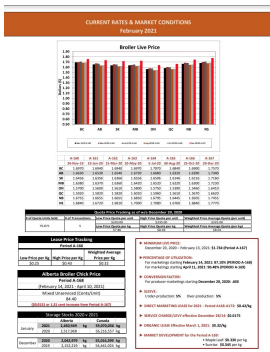
Should you have any questions regarding this update please contact Rob Renema from the ACP office (780-918-1015).



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- February 17: Board Meeting via Videoconference
- February 25: CFC/Provincial Board Managers Meeting
- March 2: ACP AGM & Producers' Only Meeting – 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- March 3: Board Organizational Meeting – Part I
- March 10: Director Orientation & Board Organizational Meeting – Part II
- March 11: Board Meeting
- March 12: A-170 Allocation - Board meeting with Processors
- March 23-25 : CFC AGM, Allocation & Industry Meetings

Market Stats



Classifieds

FOR SALE

[Roxwell Water Lines For Sale](#)

[2007 Ciemmeclabria Apollo 60 Broiler Chicken Harvester](#)

[Broiler Breeder Farm For Sale Three Hills Area](#)

WANTED

Broiler Quota
Call Erwin 403-635-1720

Broiler Quota
Call 780-608-0397

10,000 Units of Broiler Quota
Call Ryan - 403 505 7345

7000 Units of Broiler Quota
Call 780-308-8001

Purchase or Lease 4000 Units of Broiler Quota
Call Sam 403-443-9495

7500 Units of Broiler Quota
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