

# JUNE NEWSLETTER





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**DIRECTORS:** Wes Nanninga, Ross Bezovie, Tara deVries

**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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## Executive Director Update

I am settling into my position as the new Executive Director of the Alberta Chicken Producers, and while it has been a steep learning curve, I am very thankful for a very supportive Board of Directors, a strong and high-performing staff at ACP and for the strong relationships that have been foundational to ACP's success. I feel very fortunate to have landed at ACP and am eager to build upon the good work of my predecessor Karen Kirkwood. The chicken sector is an exciting place to be and I am enjoying the challenge!

Challenge is a good way to describe recent times, as I'm sure you are aware. The after-effects of Avian Influenza have reminded us that we are not immune from the supply chain issues that have plagued many industries in the last few years. Because of breeder flocks affected by AI last year, the domestic chick supply has been short, causing an increased reliance on import hatching eggs. Because the supply in the US is also tight, import hatching eggs have been hard to secure and costs have been high. This has resulted in many Alberta chicken producers being shorted in placements, and has also affected chick quality. The Board has been in regular communication with our value-chain partners to monitor the situation, and it is fair to say that all partners are doing their best to support our producers while still fulfilling our duty to supply the market. All indicators point to a recovery in domestic chick supply by the A-184 grow period, so we look forward to finding some sort of normalcy with our chick supply, as long as AI stays at bay.

We are cautiously optimistic after going through the spring migration with no active cases of AI affecting commercial flocks in Alberta. While this is good news, our Alberta Poultry Industry Emergency Management Team (APIEMT) is still active in restructuring our team and refining processes based on learnings from last year and it is critical that we remain vigilant with biosecurity and dead stock management to minimize risk of transmission. The Board continues to work with CIERA on developing a reciprocal insurance program for AI, and hope to have more information on expected premium and coverage level for the regional producer meetings in November.

It's been great to see the volunteerism from the membership at various events over the spring such as Aggie Days and the Stollery Teddy Bear Fun Fest. It's encouraging to see producers taking time out of their busy schedules to prioritize connection with the general public and is such an important activity to build public trust and demystify chicken production for people who have never been exposed to the industry. I'm looking forward to attending the Calgary Stampede event this summer and look forward to working alongside our members at the event. Again, a huge thank you to all of our volunteers that allow these events to run so smoothly!

I've been very appreciative of the new connections I'm making every day with this position and would like to thank you all for your warm welcome. We have a great industry here in Alberta and I always look forward to discussions with our membership as they give me a much better understanding of the challenges and what is going well on-farm. I would like to wish you all a fantastic summer and hope to connect soon!

That's all for now, take care.

**Geoff Brown**

Executive Director

Alberta Chicken Producers

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## Chicken Farmers of Canada Host Spring Lobby Day

Ottawa - May 9, 2023

Alberta Chicken Producers' Directors and staff attended spring lobby day in Ottawa, hosted by Chicken Farmers of Canada.

Throughout the day ACP met with:

- Member of Parliament, John Barlow
- Member of Parliament, Martin Shields
- Senator, Paula Simons
- Senator, Scott Tannas
- Member of Parliament, Damien Kurek

Representatives of ACP and CFC brought forward important issues and topics that impact our industry. These topics included discussion on Bill C-282, Bill C-293, Bill C-234, Bill S-241 and an ask to not renew the Ukraine Goods Remission Order.



L-R: MP Damien Kurek, ACP Director - Tara deVries, ACP MGR of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships - Maria Leslie, ACP Vice Chair - Rob van Diemen



L-R: CFC Executive Director - Michael Laliberté, CFC Chair - Tim Klompmaker, MP John Barlow, ACP Vice Chair - Rob van Diemen, ACP MGR of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships - Maria Leslie



L-R: MP Martin Shields, ACP Director - Tara deVries, Sofina Foods - Kerry Towle, ACP MGR of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships - Maria Leslie, ACP Vice Chair - Rob van Diemen



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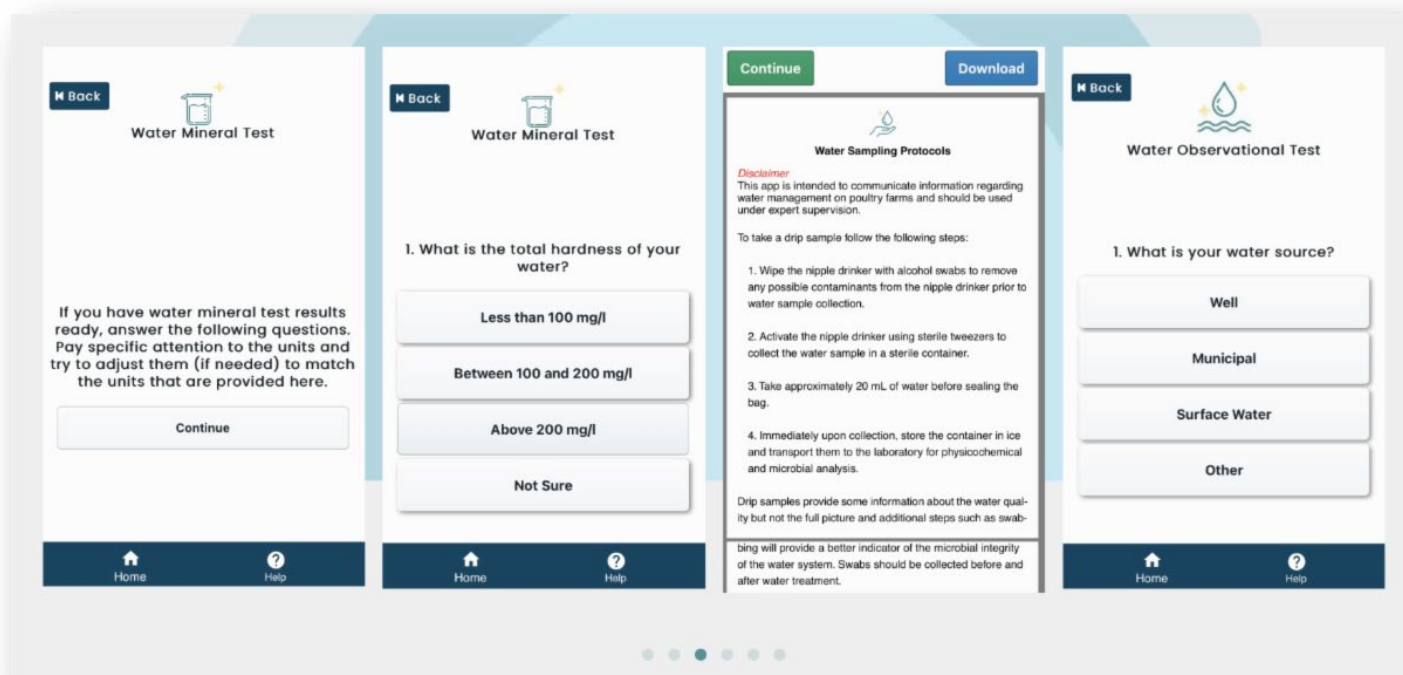
## Optimizing your Water System: Poultry Innovation Partnership Water App



Alberta Chicken Producers have free access to the new Poultry Innovation Partnership water decision tree app (normally priced at \$49). This decision tool can help you sort through water system management options, including choice of chemicals and solving specific issues. You have the ability to input test results and create reports that you can share with your service providers to get further support on water system management. This is a tool to support your decision making and to work more efficiently with your service providers.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to access this locally-produced tool! As a founding member of the Poultry Innovation Partnership, Alberta Chicken Producers has invested both time and financial support to leverage research, tech transfer, and poultry student training capacity for the Alberta poultry industry. This support has allowed us to arrange for free access to the app for all Alberta broiler farms.





The system is optimized for both computer and smart phone access to allow as many producers as possible to have the ability to access the material. Being text-based rather than graphics-based allows ease of access even in areas where internet access is weak. Producers who have reviewed the app say they plan to use this app quite a bit at first while evaluating their water management, and then come back once in a while to check in to see if their management choices are still sound.

Access information for Alberta producers is available on the [Producer Only Portal of the ACP website](#).

## Kathryn School Aggie Days & Rocky View Aggie Days

On June 8th, ACP participated in Kathryn Aggie Days. Our volunteers engaged with over 300 students from grade one to eight. Following the busy day in Kathryn, our volunteers George and Grace Hofer, travelled to Cremona for Rocky View Aggie Days. Over Jun 8 - 10, George and Grace facilitated chicken trivia, explained the life cycle of a chicken and answered questions from curious attendees of all ages. The busy week of events allowed for great exposure to Alberta students, teachers and the general public.

A huge thank-you to George Hofer and Grace Hofer for volunteering their time!



## 2023 Stollery Teddy Bear Fun Fest

On May 13, 2023 our our farmers supported the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation at the Teddy Bear Fun Fest.

Overall the event raised more than \$170,000 (gross revenue) in support of the Stollery Children's Hospital!

Throughout the morning our farmers chatted chicken with Stollery families as they prepped for the run/walk. Following the run, our farmers with the support of our friends Lilydale and Explore Edmonton donated and served a nutritious chicken lunch!

A HUGE thank-you to our volunteers!

L-R: Jessilyn, Dennis, Kristen, Sharlene, Hinke, Jacob and David







A Thank-you to Alberta Chicken Producers:

*Please accept our sincere gratitude for your support of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and this year's Teddy Bear Fun Fest. We are thrilled to announce that with your help, we were able to raise over \$170,000! Thanks to your amazing support and generosity, Teddy Bear Fun Fest surpassed our fundraising goal! Your sponsorship dollars go towards ensuring the Stollery Children's Hospital is able to invest in the best people, programs, equipment and research, making sure the Stollery remains among the best children's hospitals in the country and the most specialized in all of Western Canada.*

*We are incredibly grateful that you chose to support Stollery kids and their families. Thank you for giving all kids the best chance at a long and healthy life.*

*Event Statistics:*

*\$170,000 raised for the 2023 Teddy Bear Fun Fest event*

*Over 330 active fundraisers*

*995 people registered for the event (both in-person and at-home!)*

*Over 1,000 people in attendance at Rundle Park*

More about the Stollery: <https://www.stollerykids.com/who-we-are/>



Thank you to the Therrien family for participating in a cheque presentation to the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, on behalf of Alberta Chicken Producers.

## NAIT Culinary Team Shows Off New Uniforms!

The NAIT Culinary Team hosted a fundraiser earlier this month at Blackjacks Roadhouse in Nisku. The event featured a car show with over 200 vintage cars and trucks.

The day was a success, and a great opportunity for the team to show off their new jackets with the ACP logo front and centre. Logo placement on the uniforms is just one of the components of the NAIT/ACP partnership.

The event also gave the team members valuable experience organizing and executing a large off site catering event raising approximately \$2500.



## Upcoming Meetings and Events

July 5: Board Meeting

July 6 – 17: Calgary Stampede

August 14 – 16: CFC Summer Meeting

August 30: Board Meeting

October 3-4: ACP Strategic Planning

October 17: Board Meeting

October 18: IAC Meeting

November 7-9: Regional Meetings (Lethbridge - 7, Red Deer - 8, Edmonton - 9)

## A-185 Allocation

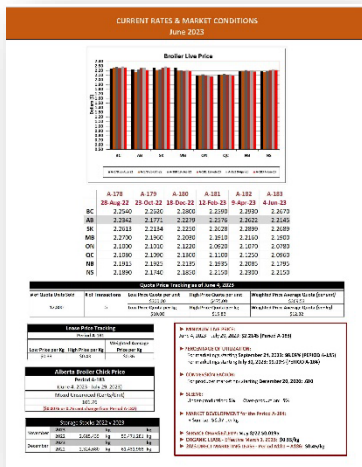
On June 13, 2023 Chicken Farmers of Canada set allocation for A-185

The national allocation for Period A-185 was set at 3.5% over adjusted base. Under the national allocation formula, Alberta's A-185 allocation is 3.91% over adjusted base.

Domestic Allocation (live kgs)	29,230,535
Market Development (live kgs)	100,000
Speciality Allocation (live kgs)	0
Total Allocation (live kgs)	29,330,535
Percentage of Utilization	98.08%

PERIOD	CFC Sets Allocation
A-182 (April 9 - June 3, 2023)	17-Jan-23
A-183 (June 4-July 29, 2023)	22-Mar-23
A-184 (July 30-September 23, 2023)	10-May-23
A-185 (September 24-November 18, 2023)	13-Jun-23
A-186 (November 19, 2023-January 13, 2024)	15-Aug-23
A-187 (January 14-March 9, 2024)	10-Oct-23
A-188 (March 10-May 4, 2024)	10-Oct-23
A-189 (May 5-June 29, 2024)	30-Jan-24
A-190 (June 30-August 24, 2024)	30-Jan-24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future 'Allocation' dates are published in our Newsletter so that producers can be aware when the next unallocated Period is being set.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dates assist producers in determining how to provide the required notice to transfer quota, change processors, or to have discussions with processors with respect to Market Development allotments.</li> </ul>	





## Market Stats

[Click here for Current Rates and Market Conditions](#)

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE:

- Agri Alert 9600 Complete System
- Excellent condition, only issue is main board can no longer charge back-up battery
- Comes with Secondary control box key pad, 3 x TP 800, battery box and DC Electric Box
- All in working condition, we upgraded to Agri Alert 128
- Asking \$2000 obo
- Contact: Marc 780-887-0351



## FOR SALE:

### Fancom barn computers for sale

- 1 man computer F38
- 1 feed computer F42
- 1 bird scale computer F47
- 1 web link box
- 2 winch motors
- 1 norsol vm-1 circulation fan controller
- 4 pura fire heaters

Contact Pete - 403 331 4963



**WANTED:**

2000 Quota Lease Units  
Long Term Basis  
Price Negotiable  
Call Ron Hamilton @ 587-322-1773

7000 Units of Broiler Quota  
Call 780-308-8001

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

2000 Quota Units  
Call Leonard Entz  
403-915-5343

Broiler Quota  
Call 780-608-0397

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

10,000 Quota Units  
Call Dan Hofer  
780-878-4208

7500 Units of Broiler Quota  
Call Wietse 780-781-1994