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Newsletter





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Notice: Reallocation of Quota Policy and Sales Agreement Revisions

Please note: Effective immediately, Final payment for quota purchases is to be made in full in the seller's final production cycle that the quota units are fully utilized. The Seller will disengage any further production of the sold quota units on the date those quota units are assigned to the Buyer. The Buyer then has the option to lease out the newly acquired quota units back to the Seller or other interested producers, should the Buyer not be poised to assume production on the effective start date provided by the Board.

If you have any questions on this revised policy, please reach out to Laurie Power - lpower@chicken.ab.ca for clarification or [click here to view the revised Sales Agreement](#).

Alberta Chicken Producers' Plan Regulation Amendments Receive Approval

Building from the strong support and mandate received from producers at our 2021 AGM for the development of bylaws for ACP, our team worked with the staff at Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council on drafting bylaws for ACP, building from those developed by other similar commodities. This work continued over the next several months and, once finalized, producers were consulted on the proposed bylaws and corresponding changes to our Plan Regulation.

Note: the Board did not make any changes at this time to ACP's internal governance operations. What was contained in the draft bylaws had been directly removed from the Plan Regulation with no changes or additions.

Why Create Bylaws and Amend the Plan Regulation?

- All provisions in ACP's Plan Regulation regarding ACP's internal governance operations need to be approved by producers, the Board, Marketing Council, the Minister and, finally, the Alberta Government's Cabinet. *This bylaw structure enables ACP to modify the internal governance provisions that once existed in Plan Regulations, without involving government decision-makers like the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation or Cabinet who are not directly involved in our industry, while maintaining the process of seeking approval from Producers and Marketing Council.*
- Bylaws enable the internal governance-related operations, such as director terms of office, producer eligibility and rights, voting and election processes, and duties of the returning officer, to be amended in a timely and flexible manner while continuing to follow the process of receiving the approval of producers, the Board, and Marketing Council.
- It upholds the Requirements in ACP's Marketing Regulation as licensing, programs and policies such as our On-Farm Food Safety and Animal Care Programs, service charges, penalties, and other administrative and technical matters would not be moved into bylaws.

- Bylaws are enforceable. Decisions made or actions under the bylaws can be challenged through the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act's (MAPA) review and appeal process.
- The movement of these provisions from ACP's Plan Regulation into Bylaws contributes to the Alberta government's commitment to reduce regulatory burden on Albertans.

Following consultation with producers, the Bylaws and proposed Plan Regulation amendments were presented to Marketing Council and then moved to the Minister for approval of the Plan Regulation amendments. We have received notice from Marketing Council that the amendments to our Plan Regulation were approved to allow us to maintain ACP Bylaws, part of the Government of Alberta's Red Tape Reduction Amendment Act. This is great news as it will allow ACP more flexibility and a streamlined process in making changes as amendments to bylaws require approval from Marketing Council and don't have to progress to the Ministry. **Please note that producer consultation will continue to be conducted prior to any bylaw amendments.**

Reference documents:

- [Alberta Chicken Producers Plan Regulation](#)
- [ACP Bylaws](#)

Underused Housing Tax - Important information for Farmers

The Underused Housing Tax (UHT) Act implements an annual 1% tax on the value of vacant and underused residential properties directly or indirectly owned by those who are not permanent residents or Canadian citizens. It became effective Jan. 1, 2022, and the first tax return for year-end Dec. 31, 2022, is due at the end of April 2023.

CFA would like to urge its members to distribute the following information to its members, as all Canadian farm corporations, farm partnerships or trusts that own residential property will HAVE to file a UHT this year, even if they are exempt from paying the tax. Detailed information on the UHT can be found here:

https://www.bdo.ca/en-ca/insights/tax/canadian-tax/underused-housing-tax-and-farming/?fbclid=IwAR1n8YVC0q4wwA1fwhjSkf6B_9l64vHqgsWqlsZ9PQmOI4KY_3xUuYXOo7c

The application of penalties and interest under the UHTA for the 2022 calendar year will be waived for any late-filed underused housing tax (UHT) return and for any late-paid UHT payable, provided the **return is filed or the UHT is paid by October 31, 2023.**

This transitional relief means that although the deadline for filing the UHT return and paying the UHT payable is still April 30, 2023, no penalties or interest will be applied for UHT returns and payments that the

CRA receives before November 1, 2023. Learn more here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/newsroom/tax-tips/tax-tips-2023/underused-housing-tax-penalties-and-interest-waived.html>

Click here for a Q&A on the UHT: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/publications/uhtn15/questions-answers-underused-housing-tax.html>

CFA is seeking an exemption to the UHT for agricultural businesses in the future to reduce the administrative burden of this tax. While CFA is seeking long-term solutions for this issue, our efforts will most likely not impact the current tax year, so we still encourage producers follow the guidance laid out below.

How does the UHT impact your farming operation?

If you operate your farm through a Canadian corporation or Canadian partnership and it owns a residential property, you will be required to file a UHT return even if no UHT is owed due to applicable exemptions noted below. If you do not file, the late filing penalty will apply.

Let's look at the example of a Canadian corporation carrying a cash crop operation. The corporation is 100% owned by Canadian citizens and possesses several residential homes on its farms. This corporation is required to file a UHT return. It would be exempt from the UHT as a Specified Canadian Corporation, but the UHT return must still be filed to claim the exemption. It could be subject to a \$10,000 penalty if it does not file a UHT return on time. This penalty would apply for each year a UHT return is required and not filed by the April 30 deadline.

How much is the UHT?

The UHT on vacant or underused residential property is 1% of the home's taxable value or 1% of its most recent sale price, whichever is greater. Owners can also file an election between Jan. 1 and April 30 of the following calendar year to use the property's fair market value (FMV) to determine the owing UHT and if they can obtain an appraisal. If two or more individuals hold title to a property, each owner will be responsible for the UHT based on their ownership interest.

What are the UHT filing requirements and penalties?

Failure to file a UHT return by April 30 of the following year, when required, could result in a penalty of at least \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for other entities, such as Canadian corporations, partnerships, and trusts.

If an owner qualifies for an exemption but is not an excluded owner, the UHT return still must be filed, even if an exemption applies and no UHT is owed. The penalty for late filing will apply.

What should farm owners do next?

The UHT has received little attention since it became law, as many Canadians believe it simply does not apply to them—but the law affects a broad range of property owners. Countless numbers of farm corporations and farm partnerships across this country will have an obligation to file a UHT return, even if they owe no UHT. Non-filing can result in substantial financial penalties.

If you are concerned the UHT may apply to your farm operation, contact your advisors for guidance.

Government Relations

On July 17, 2023 Alberta Chicken Producers had the opportunity to present to the newly elected Government of Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Minister, the Hon. RJ Sigurdson. The roundtable event featured several other Alberta commodities and provided an opportunity for everyone to inform the Minister of issues and key messages in preparation for the Annual Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers and Deputy Ministers meeting in Fredericton, New Brunswick, July 19-21, 2023.



RJ Sigurdson
@RJSigurdson

Today I met with a number of agriculture industry organization representatives to discuss the upcoming FPT meeting in Fredericton, where I will be advocating strongly on their behalf. Great conversations about opportunities to improve our vital agriculture and agri-food sectors.



RJ Sigurdson ✓ @RJSigurdson · Aug 25

It was a pleasure meeting with the farmers and staff at Alberta Chicken Producer's this week. As an essential stakeholder in AB's agriculture industry, I look forward to continuing our work together. @Alberta_Chicken



On August 23, 2023 ACP had the opportunity to meet with the Minister and staff to discuss important challenges facing our industry.

Thank you to our Calgary Stampede Volunteers!

We couldn't participate in the Calgary Stampede without the help of our wonderful volunteers. This year just over 1.3 million people from near and far took in the Stampede. This important event allows us the opportunity to directly connect farmers to consumers.



Our consumer research identifies this as a variable that can impact the likelihood of a consumer purchasing chicken. As well, it has shown to increase positive sentiment towards chicken farmers.

We had several volunteers cover multiple shifts due to a lack of sign-ups. In 2024, we hope to have some new faces join our volunteer crew.

Thank you to our volunteers!

- Erna, Reg and Byron Ference
- Luuk VanAken and family
- Kevin, Nick and Sam Morgan
- Jacob and Janny Middelkamp
- Jeff, Grejanka, Hayden, Riley and Carter Kamlah
- Mark Oostebrug and Rachel Voth
- Nieske and Henk Schuur
- Andre, Hannah, Aiden, Emma and Addie Poulin
- Brian and Roseline Wassink
- Gary Hofer, Martin Mandel, Joe Hofer and Peter Kleinsasser
- George, Jeremy, Adam, Jason and Grace Hofer
- Brianna Wollman





NEW - Calgary Stampede Theatre Kitchen

On July 11 and 12, 2023 ACP partnered with Peter Zukiwski of Pitt Country BBQ to host chicken cooking demonstrations and offer samples. The event drew a packed house, with many eager to sample the dishes. Throughout Peter's presentation he shared ACP's key messages regarding family farms, buying Albertan/Canadian and the great care that farmers take to raise a healthy product. Once Peter completed his presentation he took time to answer the audiences many grilling questions.



Face-Off Against Hunger Campaign

Alberta Chicken Farmers Team up with Former Edmonton Oiler and Registered Dietitian to Fuel Families and Face-Off Against Hunger!

Through our partnership with Registered Dietitian, Emily Mardell and Jason Strudwick, Alberta Chicken Producers participated in the Strudwick Hockey Camps throughout the spring and summer of 2023.

In July, farmers Andre and Aiden Poulin, along with Maria Leslie attended and volunteered at one of Jason's camps. During the day Aiden helped Jason run drills with the players and Andre helped Registered Dietitian,

Emily Mardell share nutritional programming packages (with a protein focus) with parents and players. At the end of the day it was all-hands-on-deck to gather the weekend food bank donation haul and deliver it to Edmonton Food Banks.

Over the span of the spring/summer the participants in Jason's camps brought forward just under 1200 pounds of food bank donations! At the end of each camp, the donations were delivered to Edmonton Food Bank as part of the Face-Off Against Hunger food drive.

From now until Oct. 27, 2023 the public portion of the Face-Off Against Hunger campaign will be running. Minor hockey teams, players and parents from the Edmonton area will have the opportunity to contribute to their local food bank and win a team practice experience with former Edmonton Oiler, Jason Strudwick. Additional prizes are also available and listed on the campaign website:

<https://fuellingfamilies.com/register/>



Social share:

Participate in the Face-Off Against Hunger Challenge

We challenge all minor hockey teams to help fuel families in need by making a team food bank donation. Fuel a healthier community, score freebies and earn the chance to win awesome prizes! #FaceOffAgainstHunger

[Click Here To Enter Your Team!](#)

The Alberta Chicken Producers brand was represented on jerseys and signage throughout Jason's camps. Our farmers Andre and Aiden joined dietitian, Emily Mardell and her kids along with Jason Strudwick and his kids to deliver items from the Face-Off Against Hunger food drive to Edmonton's Food Bank.





Upcoming Meetings and Events

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)

December 1: Board Meeting

February 27: ACP Annual General Meeting (Red Deer)

A-186 Allocation

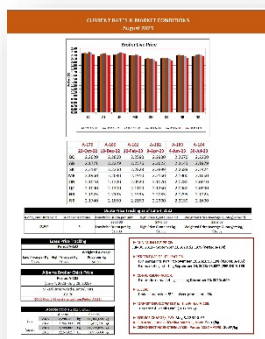
On August 15, 2023 Chicken Farmers of Canada set allocation for A-186.

The national allocation for Period A-186 was set at 2.0% over adjusted base. Under the national allocation formula, Alberta's A-186 allocation is 2.05% over adjusted base.

Domestic Allocation (live kgs)	27,558,666
Market Development (live kgs)	100,000
Specialty Allocation (live kgs)	0
Total Allocation (live kgs)	27,658,666
Percentage of Utilization	93.13%

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

- Future 'Allocation' dates are published in our Newsletter so that producers can be aware when the next unallocated Period is being set.
- 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.



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

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