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Newsletter





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DIRECTORS: Wes Nanninga, Ross Bezovie, Rob van Diemen

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.

LACOMBE TO LEDUC (LL)	Arjan Spelt
LEDUC NORTH (LN)	Hinke Therrien
CALGARY SOUTH (CS)	Byron Ference
CALGARY TO LACOMBE (CL)	Anke Wierenga

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2024 Alberta Chicken Producers' Annual General Meeting

Board of Directors:

Alberta Chicken Producers' 58th Annual General Meeting was held on February 27, 2024, and two positions on the Board of Directors were open for election:

- Rob van Diemen completed his second three-year term and allowed his name to stand for re-election
- Wes Nanninga completed his first three-year term and allowed his name to stand for re-election

Alberta Chicken Producers congratulates both Rob van Diemen and Wes Nanninga on their re-election to the Board.

Chair, Vice-Chair & CFC Roles:

Following the Annual General Meeting, the Board held an Organizational Meeting to elect the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and the CFC Director and Alternate positions.

- David Hyink, elected Chair
- Tara deVries, elected Vice Chair
- Rob van Diemen, elected CFC Director
- Ross Bezovie, elected CFC Alternate



Rob Van Diemen
Director



Wes Nanninga
Director

Congratulations Wes and Rob on your re-election to the ACP Board of Directors.

2024 Producer Representative Elections

Producer Representative Positions:

ACP's Producer Representatives are elected annually at the AGM and are eligible to serve up to three consecutive years in this position. At our 2024 AGM, each of our four Producer Representatives representing Calgary South, Calgary to Lacombe, Lacombe to Leduc, and Leduc North were eligible for re-election.

2024 Producer Representatives

- Hinke Therrien, representing the Leduc North Region - re-elected
- Arjan Spelt, representing the Leduc to Lacombe Region - re-elected
- Byron Ference, representing the Calgary South Region - newly elected
- Anke Wierenga, representing the Lacombe to Calgary Region - re-elected

We extend our thanks and deep appreciation to our past Producer Representative, Erwin Claassen. We are grateful for the insights and valued contributions he has made in this role. Additionally, we want to thank Bruce Baerg for letting his name stand for the Lacombe to Calgary region election.

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GOLD	  
SILVER	  
BRONZE	      

Staff Announcement

Caitlin Kaiser, our esteemed Administrative & Producer Services Coordinator, has made the difficult decision to resign from her position, effective April 20, 2024.

Caitlin has been an integral part of our team, contributing significantly to the efficiency of our day-to-day operations and the delivery of services to our producers.

We are grateful to have had Caitlin as a member of our team. Her professionalism, diligence, and positive attitude have not only enriched our workplace but have also left a lasting impact on our organization.

Despite our sadness at her departure, we understand and respect Caitlin's decision to prioritize her family commitments. As she embarks on this new journey to focus on raising her children and contributing to the family farm, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for her future endeavours!



2024 Political Action Day Event

Alberta Chicken Producers participated in the 2024 Political Action Day Event hosted by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce in Edmonton on March 14, 2024. Director, Ross Bezovie and ACP staff engaged with various elected officials, including the Minister and Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Premier of Alberta, the Minister of Finance and Treasury, the Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism, and several NDP leadership candidates. The event served as a platform to address sector-specific issues and foster relationships with policymakers, ensuring the poultry sector's concerns are considered in future policy decisions.



L-R: Ross Bezovie, ACP Director; Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta; Geoff Brown, Executive Director of ACP; and Maria Leslie, Manager of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships.

Joint Annual Reception

On March 20, 2024, representatives from Alberta Chicken Producers attended the Joint Annual Reception in Ottawa, hosted by Chicken Farmers of Canada, Egg Farmers of Canada, Canadian Hatching Egg Producers, and Turkey Farmers of Canada. The event provided a platform to engage with industry and elected officials, addressing the challenges and opportunities within our sector.



L-R: MP, Francis Drouin Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; ACP Director, Ross Bezovie; MP, Dave Epp; MP, Kody Blois.



L-R: ACP Director, Ross Bezovie; Manager of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, Maria Leslie; MP, John Barlow Vice-Chair for the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food; ACP Chair, David Hyink; ACP Director, Rob van Diemen.

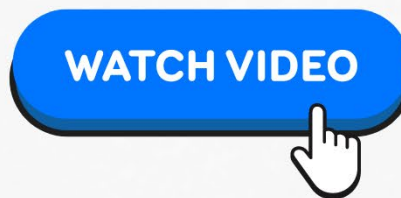
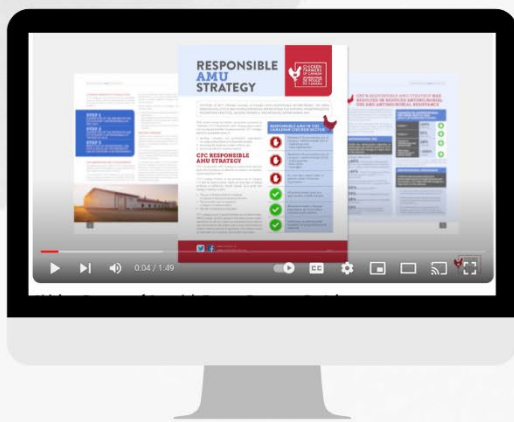


FARMER RESOURCE PORTAL

NEW CONTENT!

Chicken Farmers of Canada has released a new set of videos on the topic of pathogen reduction. The series features farmers, vets, and industry experts sharing best practices and advice.

chickenfarmers.ca/portal



HOW SIX CHICKEN FARMERS ARE NAVIGATING THE INDUSTRY AMU GUIDELINES



We bring you the stories of six chicken farmers from across Canada who have shared their insight with CFC as to how they run their operations, what works, and what didn't work for them.

www.chicken.ca
www.chickenfarmers.ca

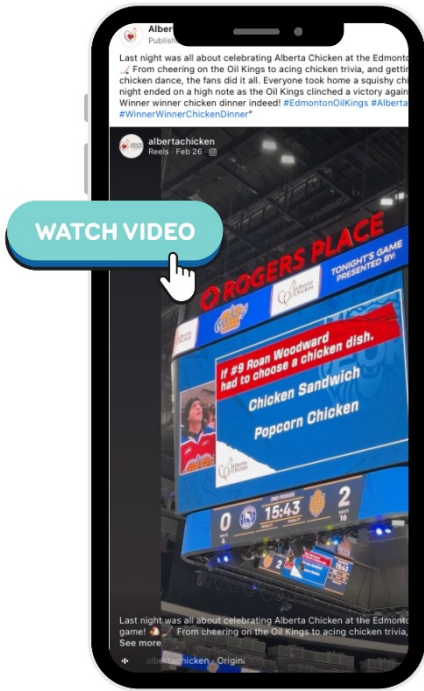


Fans Flock to Alberta Chicken Night: Oil Kings Victorious in 5-2 Win!

As part of our ongoing partnership with the Edmonton Oilers Entertainment Group (Oilers and Oil Kings), Alberta Chicken Producers took centre ice at the Oil Kings game on February 5, 2024. With over 8,000 passionate Albertan fans in attendance, the stadium was buzzing with excitement. Fans eagerly participated in chicken-themed activities, from busting out their best moves in the Chicken Dance to testing

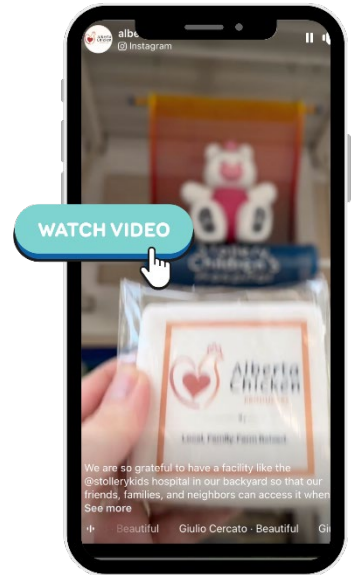
their knowledge with chicken trivia. Each attendee went home with a squishy chicken souvenir, a tangible reminder of the fun-filled evening.

This activation, as part of our ongoing partnership, not only showcased Alberta Chicken but also provided a fantastic opportunity for us to connect with Alberta families, highlighting our messaging and brand.



Alberta Chicken Producers Serve Breakfast to Families at Stollery Children's Hospital

On March 27, 2024, our farmers volunteered at the Stollery Children's Hospital, serving breakfast to families in need. **Thank you, Tara deVries and Ross Bezovie, for volunteering!** This initiative is part of the Alberta Chicken Producers' Good Neighbours Program, showcasing our farmers' commitment to the community. During our time at the hospital, we witnessed first-hand the exceptional care provided to Alberta families in need.



Alberta Chicken Producer Tara deVries Presents Insights on Data in Broiler Production at Lakeland College

On April 11, 2024, ACP Vice-Chair, Tara deVries, addressed AG201 Data Driven Decision Making agriculture students at Lakeland College about the pivotal role of data in the broiler sector.

DeVries' presentation engaged students, who were eager to understand how data analysis shapes strategies and streamlines operations in poultry production. They actively participated, posing questions and showing genuine curiosity about the role of technology in the sector.



Calgary Stampede 2024 Aggie Days

From April 10-14, 2024, we were onsite at the Calgary Stampede grounds for the annual agriculture education event - Aggie Days!

Throughout the week, students from Calgary and the surrounding areas visited for the chance to immerse themselves in the world of agriculture. Our wonderful volunteers were there to answer questions and teach them about raising chickens in Alberta. Over the weekend, the event was open to the general public, providing an opportunity to further connect with consumers. The event saw just over 30,000 people walk through to learn about agriculture!



Thank you to our volunteers!

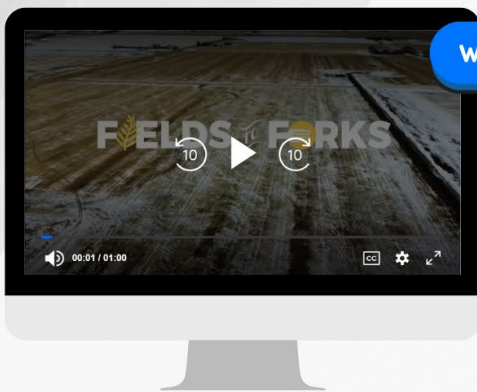
- George Hofer
- Martha Wurz
- Rob van Diemen
- Byron Ference
- Luuk, Val and Cody VanAken
- Jack and Danielle Bruning
- Mark Oostenburg
- Rachel Voth



Alberta Chicken Producers Featured in CTV Fields to Forks Episode

CTV Calgary, accompanied by Maria Leslie, Manager of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, visited the Wierenga family farm near Olds, Alberta, to capture another episode in the CTV Fields to Forks series. Set against the scenic backdrop of the farm, this episode shares a glimpse into family-farm life and raising chickens.

A huge thank-you to the Wierenga family for volunteering their time and allowing us to showcase their farm.



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Alberta Chicken Producers Support STARS Air Ambulance

On April 13, 2024, Maria Leslie, ACP Manager of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, served as the emcee for a fundraiser in Smoky Lake aimed at raising funds for STARS. The hosting group, the Smoky Lake Ag Society, gathered donations and organized both live and silent auctions for the guests. A volunteer-catered meal, with all menu ingredients donated, featured local chicken as a menu item. The event was a resounding success, **resulting in \$100,000 being raised for STARS.**

STARS Air Ambulance continues to be an important service for rural Alberta. ACP's support is one of the many efforts in the Alberta Chicken Producers' Good Neighbours Program.



Meals on Wheels - Wing Wednesday Event

On April 17, 2024 we attended Wing Wednesday a fundraiser for Edmonton Meals on Wheels held in the Stantec Tower. Hosted by Rob Christie (former 630 CHED host), the event supports Edmonton Meals on Wheels in their mission to continue to provide home-delivered meals and programs for Edmontonians. Guests enjoyed Hot Seat interviews, while indulging in delicious wings for a great cause. **Thank you to Maple Leaf Foods Inc.** for providing the mouthwatering local chicken! 🍴🍴

Thank you to ACP Director and farmer, Wes Nanninga for joining us at the event.



www.mealsonwheelsedmonton.org 780-429-2020

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- May 11: Teddy Bear Fun Fest – **Call for volunteers!**
- May 21: Board Meeting
- May 22: IAC Meeting
- May 22: Producer Rep Meeting
- May 28-30: CFC Lobby Day
- July 5-14: Calgary Stampede – **Call for volunteers!**
- July 10: Board Meeting
- July 15-17: CFC Summer Meeting in Winnipeg
- August 20: Board Meeting
- September 4-6: Strategic Planning
- October 15: Board Meeting
- October 16: IAC Meeting
- November 6: CFC Meetings & Lobby Day in Ottawa
- November 12-14: Regional Meetings (Edmonton 12th, Red Deer 13th, Lethbridge 14th)

A-190 Allocation

On March 20, 2024 Chicken Farmers of Canada set allocation for A-190.

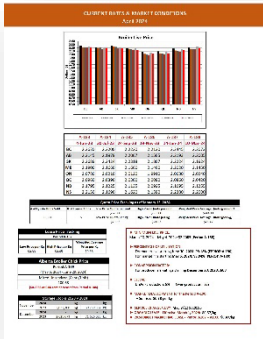
- The national allocation for Period A-190 was set at 1.00% over adjusted base.
- Under the national allocation formula which defaults to pro-rata if no growth, Alberta’s A-190 allocation is 0.80% over adjusted base.
- Alberta’s allocation for A-190, starts on June 30, 2024 and ends on August 24, 2024.

Domestic Allocation (live kgs)	29,723,653
Market Development (live kgs)	100,000
Specialty Allocation (live kgs)	0
Total Allocation (live kgs)	29,823,653
Percentage of Utilization	99.18%

PERIOD	CFC Sets Allocation
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
A-191 (August 25-October 19, 2024)	29-May-24
A-192 (October 20-December 14, 2024)	16-Jul-24
A-193 (December 15, 2023-February 8, 2025)	10-Sep-24
A-194 (February 9-April 5, 2025)	6-Nov-24
A-195 (April 6-May 31, 2025)	10-Dec-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](#)

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FOR SALE:

5500 Quota Units – 780-918-6816

FOR SALE:

14,000 Quota Units - 780-352-1794 or 780-361-6683

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:

7000 Units of Broiler Quota

Call 780-308-8001