

FEBRUARY

Newsletter





Alberta Chicken Producers' Board and Staff Contact Information:

CHAIR: David Hyink **VICE-CHAIR:** Tara deVries

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.

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Upcoming Events:

Western Poultry Conference - Feb. 24, 2025

Alberta Poultry Industry Tradeshow & Reception - Feb. 24, 2025

Alberta Chicken Producers' Annual General Meeting - Feb. 25, 2025

 **Red Deer Resort & Casino**



Alberta Chicken Producers' 59th Annual General Meeting Information

Alberta Chicken Producers (ACP) is holding its 59th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm MST** at the Red Deer Resort & Casino in Red Deer. Keynote Speaker Kevin Grier will present to all four poultry Boards at 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. For those unable to attend in-person, we are also offering the option to attend virtually using the Zoom meeting platform.

Lunch will be served in the Event Centre from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm with afternoon meeting reconvening at 1:30 pm sharp. This will be the first year where all four poultry boards will have lunch together replacing the two-seating format offered in past years.

On Monday evening, February 24, 2025, the Alberta Poultry Industry (API) Reception and Trade Show will be held in the Event Centre from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm; immediately following the Western Poultry Conference. This event provides an opportunity to reconnect, network, and tour the booth exhibits showcasing their vendor product(s).

ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS:

Board Director Positions:

As a requirement in ACP's Bylaws, a Director must stand down from serving on the ACP Board after serving three consecutive three-year terms. At our 2025 AGM, we have one Director eligible for re-election; (1) Ross Bezovie will be reaching the end of his first three-year term.

Producer Representative Positions:

ACP's Producer Representatives representing Calgary South, Calgary to Lacombe, and Lacombe to Leduc and Leduc North are elected annually at the AGM and are eligible to serve up to three consecutive one-year terms. Each of our four current Producer Representatives are eligible for re-election in 2025; if you're an existing Producer Representative and wish to let your name stand, please submit a [Nomination Form](#).

Nominations:

Enclosed are Nomination Forms for Board of Director and Producer Representative positions. Nominations are to be submitted to the Returning Officer, Geoff Brown. If submitting by email, nominations must be sent to gbrown@chicken.ab.ca no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 24, 2025. If submitting in-person, nominations must be provided to Geoff Brown prior to 12:30 p.m. on February 25, 2025.

ACP also accepts nominations from the floor in accordance with ACP's Bylaws as referenced in the enclosed 2025 AGM Voting & Election Procedures; additional meeting documents are enclosed.

Currently, ConventionAll is accepting sponsorship; unfortunately, the booth space is sold out for 2025. click on the link: <https://conventionall.swoogo.com/api25> for Sponsorship.

If you have any questions, please contact Jasmine Szoke at jszoke@chicken.ab.ca or (780) 999-0781.

Meeting Details:

In-person and Virtual Attendance Options:

- Red Deer Resort & Casino - 3310 50 Ave, Red Deer, AB - Santano Room
- Zoom Webinar

Producer AGM Information and Documents:

Producer AGM Invitation Letter

Producers MUST register in order to vote regardless if attending in-person or virtually. Please contact Jasmine Szoke – jszoke@chicken.ab.ca or (780) 999-0781 to complete your registration.

Meeting Documents:

- 1 58th Annual General Meeting Minutes
- 2 AGM Agenda
- 3 Voting Election Procedures
- 4 Board Director Eligibility
- 5 Meeting Rules of Order
- 6 Nomination Form (Producer Representative)
- 7 Nomination Form (Board Director)
- 8 Certificate of Appointed Representative
- 9 Statutory Declaration Form for Voting
- 10 Annual Report (Includes Financials)

CLICK HERE



2024 Annual Report



Invitation to Participate in the Canadian Chicken Sector's LCA update Survey

Key Information:

- The survey focuses on gathering general feedback about farming operations and does not require sensitive data or detailed information.
- It is estimated to take about 15-20 minutes to complete.
- Responses will remain confidential to Agéco, with only aggregated data shared with CFC.
- Deadline to complete **February 21st, 2025.**

[Click here to complete the Life Cycle Assessment Survey.](#)

[Click here to read the full memo from Chicken Farmers of Canada.](#)



January, 30th 2025

Invitation to Participate in the Canadian Chicken Sector's LCA update Survey

Dear Farmers:

Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC) invites you to participate in an important survey as part of the ongoing update to our Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). Your participation will help guide our strategies for reducing the environmental footprint while improving overall sector performance.

Please note that this survey is focused on gathering your feedback to better understand the realities of your farming operations. It does not require sensitive data or detailed information.

Why is this survey important?

Your feedback will play a key role in helping us understand the realities of chicken farming and identify areas where improvements can be made. By participating, you will be contributing to an in-depth study that will:

- Inform sustainability efforts: The updated LCA will provide essential insights into the environmental performance of the chicken sector, helping CFC establish realistic goals for continued progress.
- Make your voice heard: This survey will allow you to share your thoughts on potential improvements and express your expectations for the industry's future environmental path.

What do you need to know?

The survey mostly includes yes/no and multiple-choice questions. For quantitative questions, estimates are perfectly fine.

Confidentiality is assured: All responses will be kept confidential. Only aggregated data will be shared with CFC, ensuring individual farms remain anonymous.

Please answer according to your chicken production operations only.

The survey will take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

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Alberta Chicken Featured at Edmonton Oil Kings Game

On January 1, 2025, Alberta Chicken was featured at an Edmonton Oil Kings game. This event was part of our second campaign with the Edmonton Oilers and Edmonton Oil Kings. Fans enjoyed chicken trivia that highlighted ACP's key messages, participated in the chicken dance, and took home a squishy chicken. Game-goers also received a coupon for free nuggets at Popeyes.

The game provided a valuable opportunity for brand exposure to a key target demographic: young families.



Helping Hands and Healthy Protein: Alberta's Chicken Farm Families Partner with Food Banks

EDMONTON, AB - January 21, 2025

Driven by the staggering statistics showing that 174,311 Albertans, including 37% children relied on food banks in 2022 (Hungercount, 2023), Alberta's chicken farming families stepped up to make a difference. On January 20, 2025, farmers came together at the Food Banks Alberta Leduc Warehouse for a volunteer day. They worked diligently to sort and pack donations for distribution. To further support the cause, Alberta's chicken farming families contributed \$30,000 to Food Banks Alberta, ensuring the provision of much-needed healthy protein for those in need.



“Alberta's chicken farming families are deeply committed to supporting vulnerable Albertans. Through our corporate social responsibility initiative, the Good Neighbours Program, we strive to assist in building strong, healthy communities.”

Insights from Food Banks Alberta highlight the critical issue of food security, with one in five Albertans experiencing food insecurity. Between 2019 and 2022, there was a 73% increase in provincial food bank utilization, with approximately 57,000 monthly users being children.

As of 2025, we remain steadfast in our commitment to addressing these challenges. Like all Albertans, we care about the health and wellbeing of our families, friends, and communities. We are so grateful we have been able to play a role in supporting those in need.”

- David Hyink, Chair of the Alberta Chicken Producers Board of Directors

“We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of Alberta Chicken Producers. Their generous \$30,000 donation to Food Banks Alberta will have a significant impact on our ability to purchase food and meet the growing demand across the province. As a year-over-year supporter, their commitment to helping those in need is truly inspiring. Not only do they contribute financially, but the opportunity to have their team volunteer in our warehouse makes a significant impact on our operations. This is the fifth consecutive year of their invaluable partnership, and we deeply appreciate everything they do to make a difference in the lives of Albertans.”

- Emily Van Ee, Community Partnerships Manager, Food Banks Alberta

“Alberta’s farmers work hard to feed people all over the world and right here at home. Our province’s chicken farming families have proven that by putting in the work and making a generous donation to ensure locally produced, high-quality protein makes it to those who need it. Well done, Alberta Chicken Producers.”

- RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

The donation was made as part of the Alberta Chicken Producers’ Good Neighbours Program. Alberta Chicken Producers have been donating annually since 2020, with each year’s contribution amounting to \$30,000. As of January 20, 2025, the total funds donated to assist Alberta families in need reached \$150,000.



From left to right: Shawn and Laurie Power; Hailey and Woulien Spelt; Marc and Hinke Therrien; Geoff Brown, ACP Executive Director; Shawna Bissell, Food Banks Alberta Executive Director; Darren and Tara deVries; Veronica Torrens; and Ross Bezovie.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- February 24: Western Poultry Conference
- February 24: Alberta Poultry Industry Reception & Tradeshow
- February 25: AGM
- April 12-13: Aggie Days Calgary
- May: Stollery Teddy Bear Fun Fest
- May 23-24: Aggie Days Mountain View
- July 4-13: Calgary Stampede

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Grape Escape, Calgary

MARCH 21-22, 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (2 PER DAY MINIMUM):

Aggie Days, Calgary

APRIL 9-13, 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (2 PER DAY MINIMUM):

Stollery Children's Hospital –
Teddy Bear Fun Fest, Edmonton

MAY 10, 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - MINIMUM OF 8

Calgary Stampede

JULY 4-13, 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (4-6 PER DAY):
FULL DAY OR HALF DAY SHIFTS AVAILABLE

Email Maria
to sign-up!



SCAN HERE



*All eligible volunteers who participate in Alberta
Chicken Producers' volunteer events will receive the
benefits of the Volunteer Recognition Program.*



Classifieds

WANTED:

7000 Units of Broiler Quota
Call 780-308-8001

WANTED:

Broiler Quota Wanted
Call Peter @ 403-392-5230

FOR SALE:

Exhaust Flaps
Contact: Dan - dsenhofer@gmail.com
780-878-4208



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 Argi Alert 128
- Asking \$2000 obo

Contact: Marc 780-887-0351



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Chicken Mortality Wagons
Contact: Caleb 780-699-1223

