

DECEMBER

Newsletter





Chair's Message



Dear Producers and Value Chain Members,

This past year once again was marked by growth and opportunity. The challenge became how do we grow all this chicken. The board became concerned that Alberta was not growing its allocation and began a consultation to discover why. A big thank you to all our producers and industry partners who contributed to this consultation. The board is going through the results and will be bringing forward their deliberations by the AGM. Alberta produced a record 31.6 million kilograms A198 and 98.6% of what we were targeting. While we still have work to do and our allocations continue to increase, it is encouraging to see major improvements thanks to the efforts of the whole value chain. We continue to encourage investment at all levels of the value chain to build barns and industry capacity to meet the growth that is coming.

Unfortunately, during this fall Alberta experienced a wave of new Avian Influenza infections, and the other western provinces were hard hit as well. Thanks to the recently approved self-insurance policy that was approved, Alberta producers have access to some financial help in addressing some of the costs not covered by CFIA. Especially in this season, our thoughts and prayers go out to those impacted and dealing with the challenging circumstances and cleanup.

This year saw many challenges with chick quality and availability and bird health. In particular, many producers were impacted by inclusion body hepatitis on their farms and lost up to 60% of their flock in extreme cases. The ACP board has been working on this issue with value chain partners, and a working group is being struck to focus our efforts and collaborate with veterinarians, hatcheries, and hatching egg producers to address this devastating disease.

Government relations has been an important priority this year as well, and we have taken an approach of educating and assisting the Premier and Agriculture Ministry in the needs of our industry. We will continue to make sure that Alberta Chicken is at the table and being heard on issues that impact our farms. The support and knowledge of our Agriculture Ministry is encouraging, and we have had excellent communication and collaboration with them.

The Alberta Chicken Producers team continues to serve producers by working on numerous initiatives, which will be highlighted in our annual report in the new year. We are fortunate to have an excellent staff

team that consistently delivers on ACP's goals and priorities in collaboration with our many partners. In closing, I want to thank my fellow board members for their vision, leadership, and teamwork over the past year. I also extend my gratitude to Geoff and the staff for their dedication, hard work, and expertise. Their efforts consistently exceed expectations, wholeheartedly supporting farmers and the industry. Thank you to our value chain partners for your contributions. We hope 2026 will be a year of growth and shared achievements. Finally, I am deeply appreciative of the hard work, support, and dedication of each chicken producer, both on their farms and in their contributions to the industry.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

David Hyink, Chair
Alberta Chicken Producers

Annual Alberta Chicken Feed Conversion Rate Survey by Serecon

It's that time of year again when Alberta Chicken engages **Serecon Consulting** to conduct a producer survey to determine the **Feed Conversion Rate to be used in our live price calculation** for the upcoming year. In addition to feed conversion data, ACP will also be surveying **Alberta chick cost** in preparation for our upcoming Live Price discussions with Alberta Processors.

This is a critical function for the Alberta Chicken Producers and it is very important that we obtain producer data that accurately reflects the full range of production over the grow periods surveyed. ***This year's survey will run from the beginning of January to the end of February 2026 and will target 40-45 producers to collect records from the most recent six A-periods, namely A-193 to A-198.***

Please see the [attached letter for full details](#).



If you have any questions regarding this survey, please don't hesitate to contact Alberta Chicken Producers' Executive Director, Geoff Brown - gbrown@chicken.ab.ca or 780-293-0692.



Alberta Provincial Production Update



Please see the [attached quota utilization report by province](#) for the most recent provincial production updates, which are now complete up to the A-198 growing period.

While Alberta was still underproduced by roughly 450,000 kg, another chicken production record was set for the province, finally surpassing the 30 million kg mark with an actual production of 31.59 million kg. This represents a quota utilization of 98.6% for Alberta, as we were allocated just over 32 million kg for this period. At 98.6% quota utilization, Alberta ranked 6th out of 10 provinces for A-198.

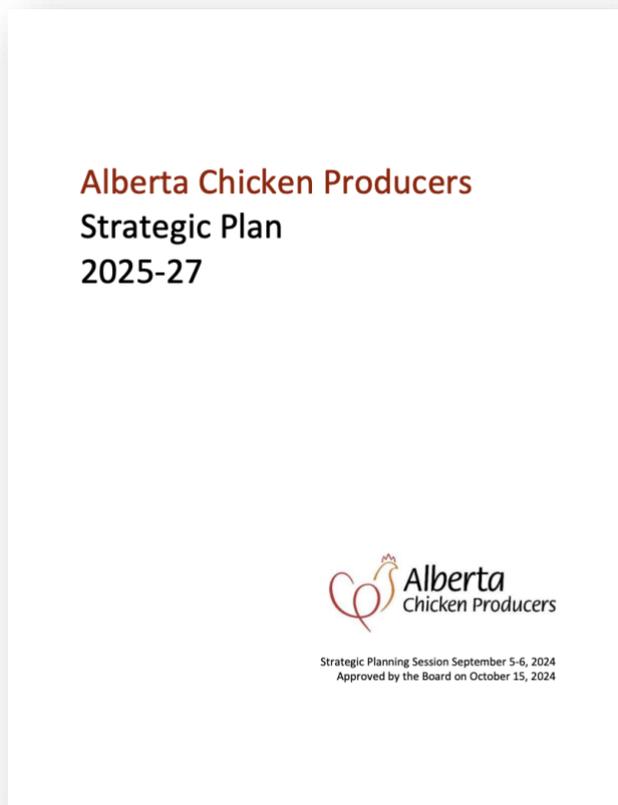
While this is a very good sign that capacity in the province is increasing, it should be noted that 500,875 kg were processed in A-198 that should have been grown in A-197 due to a plant breakdown at the end of the growing period. Adjusting for this, Alberta's production would have been just over 31 million kg, leaving Alberta with a quota utilization of 97.0% for A-198. This would have resulted in Alberta being ranked 9th out of the 10 provinces.

It should be noted that the A-198 grow period will be the grow period most impacted by HPAI cases for the fall wave of 2025. It is estimated that Alberta lost approximately 500,000 kg of chicken production in A-198 due to HPAI flocks that were ordered to be destroyed.

QUOTA UTILIZATION 2024 - 2025													December 2, 2025						
Year	Allocation	Production	%	over (under) prod			avg wgt			Alberta			Saskatchewan						
				kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live	kg live				
2024	A-187	32,969,700	30,555,921	100.0%	-2,413,779	-2,413,779	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	2,381,150	
	A-188	40,800,597	41,266,125	101.0%	465,528	465,528	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	2,233,564	
	A-189	42,818,100	42,556,018	99.5%	-252,082	-252,082	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	1,650,458	
	A-190	40,312,270	42,015,727	104.2%	1,703,457	1,703,457	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	1,332,428	
	A-191	40,298,175	40,800,782	101.0%	502,607	502,607	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	631,608	
	A-192	30,000,000	30,527,487	101.8%	527,487	527,487	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705
	A-193	30,100,000	30,804,868	102.3%	704,868	704,868	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	511,133	
	A-194	40,467,816	39,850,482	98.5%	-617,334	-617,334	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	446,245	
	A-195	41,028,020	39,117,047	95.4%	-1,910,973	-1,910,973	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	2,025,346	
	A-196	42,738,369	41,243,148	96.5%	-1,495,221	-1,495,221	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	1,097,573	
A-197	43,044,420	43,254,002	100.5%	209,582	209,582	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127	183,127		
A-198	43,364,131	42,307,029	97.6%	-1,057,102	-1,057,102	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893	1,776,893		
A-199																			
2025	A-190	30,000,000	30,527,487	101.8%	527,487	527,487	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	367,705	
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Alberta Chicken Producers' 2025-27 Strategic Plan Now Available



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Thank you for making this year's Regional Meetings a success!

From November 4-6, 2025, your Alberta Chicken Producers Board and staff travelled from Lethbridge to Red Deer to Edmonton for our annual Regional Meetings. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all producers who attended and participated in the discussions. Your engagement and thoughtful feedback during the interactive sessions are greatly appreciated.



The insights shared will be summarized and used to help guide further conversations on addressing underproduction, which will be brought forward at the AGM in February.

Throughout the meetings, several key topics were covered, including:

- Government and Public Relations updates
- The current chicken market outlook
- Highlights of our strategic plan
- Financial projections and the 2025 budget
- Chicken Farmers of Canada updates
- Managing IBH and the latest HPAI transmission information

Thank you again for taking the time to join us, connect with fellow producers, and contribute to shaping the future of our industry.

And a huge thank you to our sponsors for their generous support!

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Avian Influenza Reminders

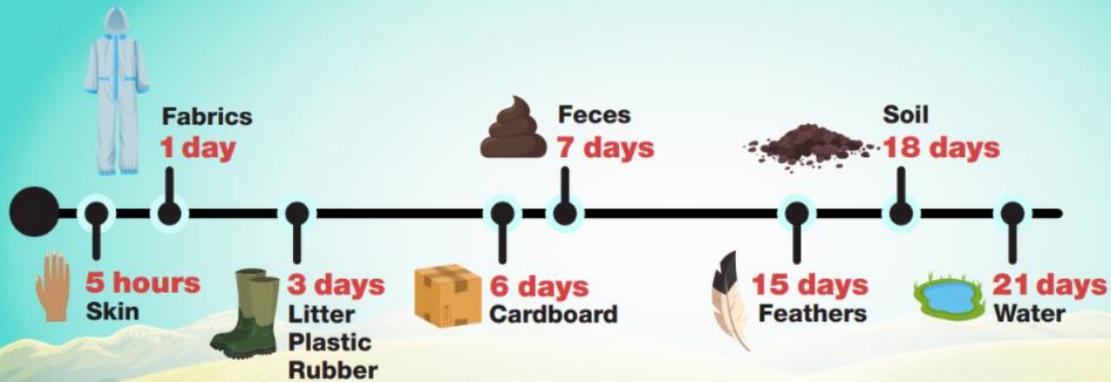
Even though temperatures are cooling, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) can continue to survive for extended periods in cold conditions.

For example, at about 4 °C (typical cool ambient or refrigerated temperature) the virus may survive:

- ~60 days in slurry tanks, in bird feces or on metal surfaces.
- ~72 days on glass.
- ~120 days in soiled litter and soil.
- ~160 days in feathers.
- In water at low temperatures: up to ~40 days at 4 °C in sea water, and in ice at -20 °C possibly up to one year.

Survival Time of Avian Influenza at 20°C

The following times are approximate and may consider various AI sub-types



 Waterfowl excrete the virus up to **11 days** after infection through respiratory droplets & feces; thus contaminating their environment.

Waterfowl defecate approximately 30 times per day.

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Survival Time of Avian Influenza at 4°C

The following times are approximate and may consider various AI sub-types



 Waterfowl excrete the virus up to **11 days** after infection through respiratory droplets & feces; thus contaminating their environment.

Waterfowl defecate approximately 30 times per day.

Virus survival in water at low temperatures is variable: from 40 days at 4°C in sea water to 1 year in ice (-20°C).

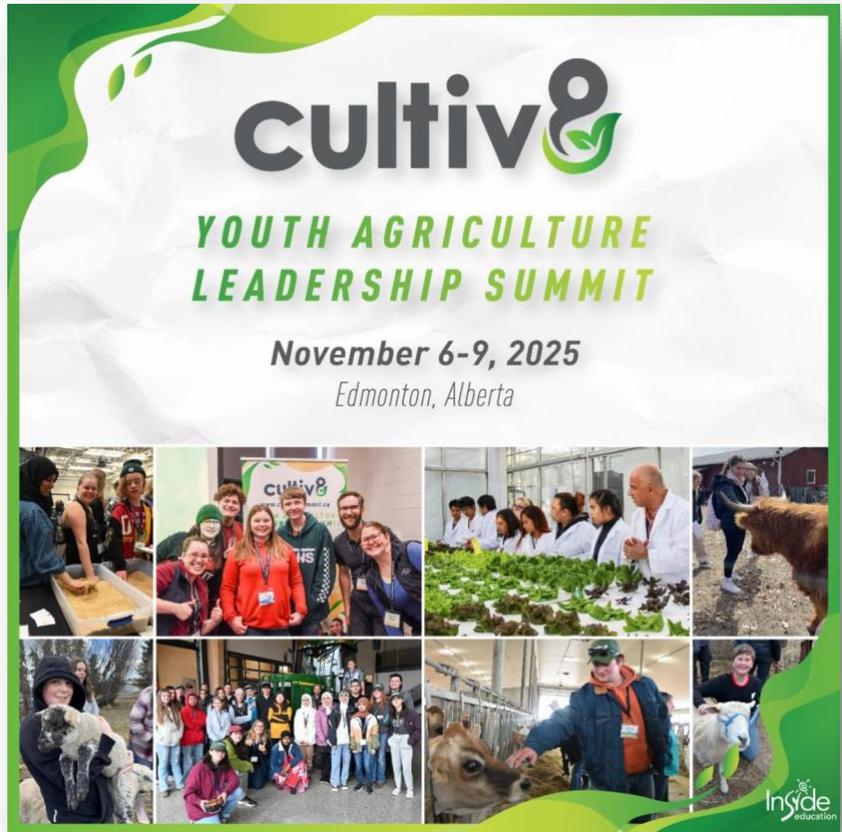
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Alberta Chicken Producers Participate in Inside Education's Cultivate Youth Summit

On November 7, 2025, we participated in the Inside Education "Cultivate" Youth Agriculture Leadership Summit held in Edmonton. Our producer, Tara DeVries, joined the program to host a round-table with high-school students, answering their questions about modern farming, sustainability, career pathways in agriculture, and the realities of production.

It's initiatives like this that help bridge the gap between students (and the public) and the farm gate—ensuring the next generation better understands how the food system works. Thank you to Tara for volunteering your time to tell the Alberta chicken story.



Alberta Chicken Producers Participate in CFC Lobby Day

On December 2, directors and staff from Alberta Chicken Producers joined colleagues from Chicken Farmers of Canada in Ottawa for CFC's annual Lobby Day. This important event brought together producers from across the country to meet with Parliamentarians and senior officials, discuss priority issues for Canada's chicken sector, and reinforce the vital role supply-managed farmers play in communities from coast to coast.

With a new Parliament seated, this year's conversations focused on strengthening relationships and highlighting the economic and social contributions of Canada's chicken farms. ACP representatives engaged in productive discussions around four key themes: economic contribution, supply management, spent fowl, and trade.

Showcasing the Next Generation: CFC Young Farmer Cohort

This year, CFC also included the 2025 Young Farmer cohort in Lobby Day meetings, offering the next generation of Canadian chicken farmers a valuable opportunity to engage directly with policymakers. ACP's own Byron Ference represented Alberta as part of this cohort. Byron participated alongside ACP directors and other young leaders from across Canada, helping to share firsthand perspectives on farm innovation, sustainability, and the future of the sector.

ACP was grateful for the opportunity to meet with several influential Parliamentarians and officials during Lobby Day, including:

- John Barlow, Member of Parliament for Foothills and Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Agri-Food and Food Security
- Rachel Thomas, Member of Parliament for Lethbridge–Medicine Hat
- Blaine Calkins, Member of Parliament for Red Deer–Lacombe
- Dane Lloyd, Member of Parliament for Sturgeon River–Parkland
- David Bexte, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Leader of the Opposition
- Daryl Fridhandler, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Burton Bailey, Political Affairs Advisor, Alberta Senate Caucus

Additional engagement:

- Kody Blois, Member of Parliament — Byron and the Young Farmers joined MP Blois for lunch, followed by a tour of Parliament Hill and introductions to various cabinet ministers.

These conversations were constructive, forward-looking, and reaffirmed the value of strong collaboration between producers and policymakers as we work together to strengthen Canada’s food system.



Alberta Chicken Farmer Participates in Advancing Women Conference

Alberta farmer Hinke Therrien recently joined female chicken farmers from across Canada at the Advancing Women in Agriculture and Food Conference. This group represented farms from across the country and took part in discussions focused on leadership, connection, and the future of agriculture.

Participants had the opportunity to build new relationships, share experiences, and strengthen the presence of women in the industry.

During the event, the group also connected with MP John Barlow, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food.

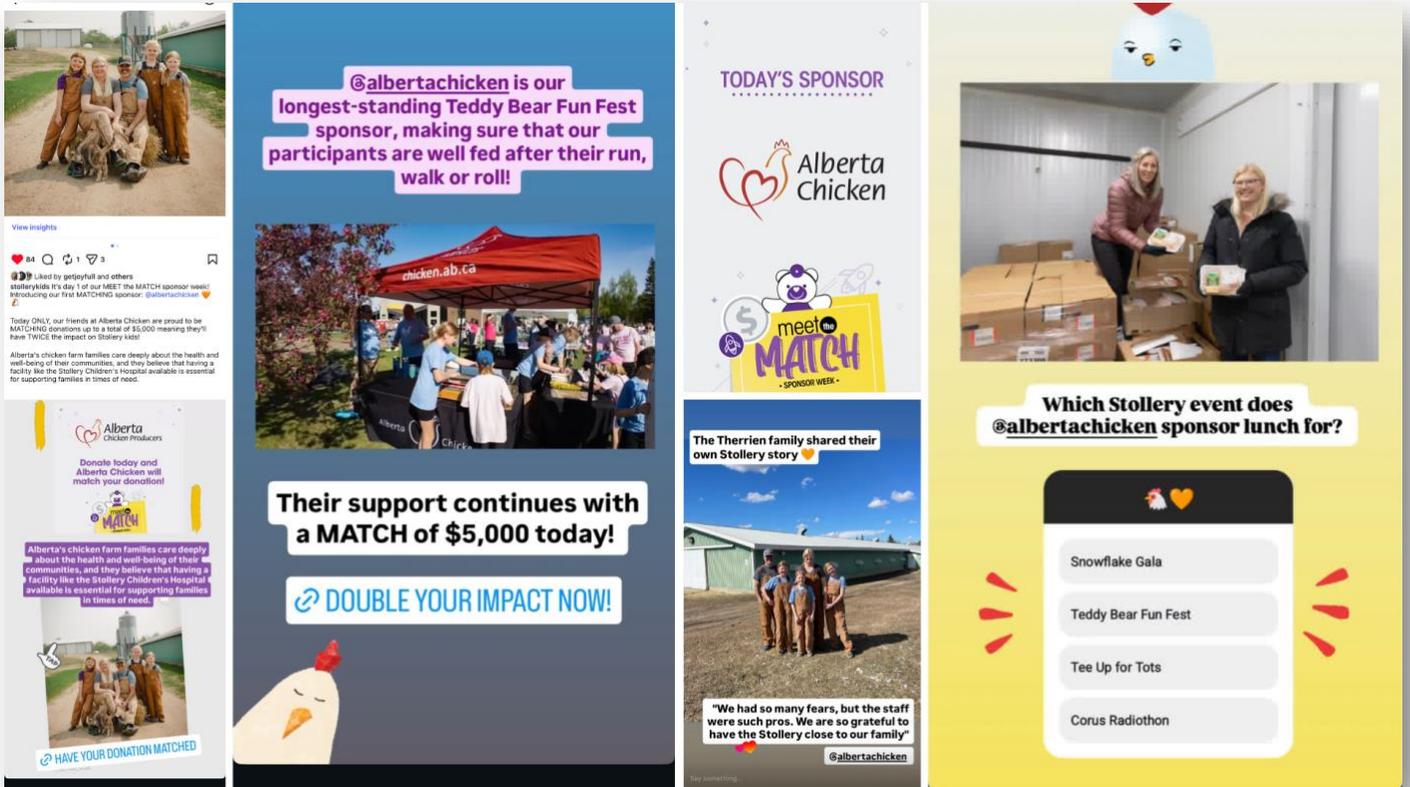


Alberta Chicken Producers Supports Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation Through “Meet the Match” Campaign

On November 30, 2025, Alberta Chicken Producers participated in the Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation’s Meet the Match campaign, committing to match donations up to \$5,000. Thanks to strong community response, fundraising far exceeded the match threshold, with over \$17,000 raised in support of the Stollery.

As part of the campaign, Alberta Chicken Producers was featured in pre-promotion through the Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation’s newsletter and social media channels, helping extend our reach and connect with their audience. Content shared on the day also included photos from past Teddy Bear Fun Run events, reinforcing our ongoing involvement with initiatives that support children and families.

This campaign highlighted the connection between our farmers, our brand, and the communities we serve—while supporting an organization that provides essential care to those who need it most.

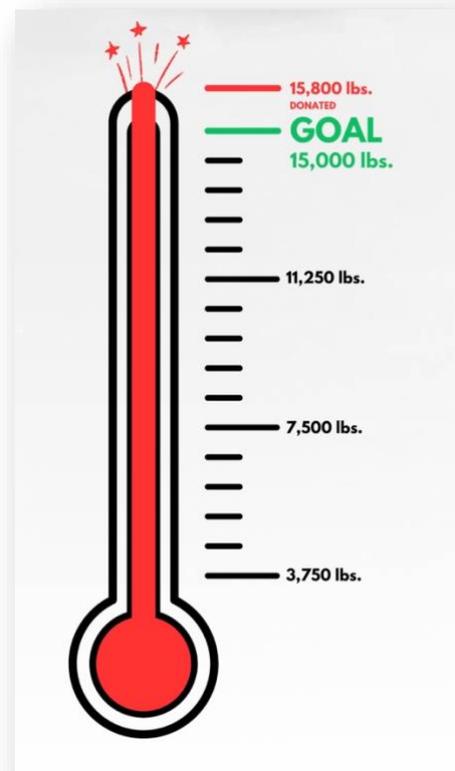


Face-Off Against Community Hunger Delivers Record Support

Alberta Chicken Producers' annual Face-Off Against Community Hunger campaign once again demonstrated the power of teamwork and community. In partnership with former Edmonton Oiler Jason Strudwick and Registered Dietitian Emily Mardell, the campaign encouraged minor hockey teams across Alberta to rally in support of local food banks.

This year's goal was to donate 15,000 pounds of chicken to food banks across the province. Thanks to the incredible efforts of minor hockey teams and their supporters, the campaign exceeded that target, with 15,800 pounds donated.

The contest closed on December 10, and the winning team was announced on December 15. Congratulations to EFHA #552 U13



Storm, who will have the opportunity to enjoy a team practice guest-coached by Jason Strudwick in the new year.

Alberta Chicken Producers extends its sincere thanks to all participating teams, families, and partners for helping make a meaningful impact in communities across Alberta during the holiday season.



 **Alberta**
Chicken Producers

2025 Face-off Against Hunger Challenge

Congrats! **1st PRIZE**

WINNERS!

Team practice with former Oiler Jason Strudwick!

EFHA #552 U13 STORM
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Check out Chicken Farmers of Canada's branding and messaging in a new episode of MasterChef Canada!



Canadian chicken takes centre stage as contestants highlight the quality and versatility of locally raised chicken. The main brand integration appears around the 2:30 mark.

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CFC Launches Social Media Campaign to Share New Lifecycle Assessment Findings with Consumers

Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC) has released the results of its latest Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), offering the most comprehensive picture to date of the environmental footprint of Canadian chicken production. Conducted by Groupe AGÉCO and measuring performance from 2016 to 2023, the study confirms that the sector has made meaningful progress in reducing emissions, improving efficiency, and strengthening sustainable production practices nationwide.

[Learn more](#)



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SAVE THE DATE

Monday, February 23, 2026

Tradeshow @ Event Centre 3pm - 8pm
Evening Meet & Greet Reception 5pm - 7pm

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Alberta Chicken Producers Annual General Meeting
Tradeshow @ Event Centre 9am - 5pm

**Pre-registration will be available soon*

Location: Red Deer Resort & Casino
3310 50 Ave, Red Deer, AB

SAVE THE DATE: Lethbridge Aggie Days Are Back in 2026



Event Details:

Location: Lethbridge & District Exhibition

Dates: March 25 & 26, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Audience: Grades 4–6 students from Lethbridge & area (1,000 students over two days)

We will be recruiting volunteers in the new year!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- January 14, 2026: Board Meeting
- January 21: CFC Meeting
- February 12: Board Meeting
- February 23, 2026: Alberta Poultry Tradeshow & Reception
- February 24, 2026: AGM
- March 25-26, 2026: Lethbridge Aggie Days
- April 15 – 17, 2026: Calgary Aggie Days
- July 3-12, 2026: Calgary Stampede

A-201 Allocation

On December 3, 2025, Chicken Farmers of Canada set allocation for A-201.

The national allocation for Period A-201 was set at 4.50% over adjusted base.

Under the national allocation formula which defaults to Pro-Rata if no growth, Alberta's A-201 allocation is 6.28% over adjusted base.

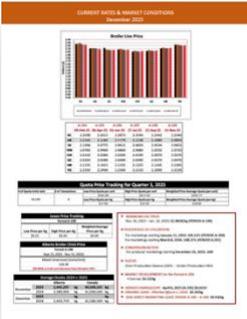
Alberta's allocation for A-201, starts on March 8, 2026, and ends on May 2, 2026.

Domestic Allocation (live kgs)	32,006,001
Market Development (live kgs)	0
Specialty Allocation (live kgs)	0
Total Allocation (live kgs)	32,006,001
Percentage of Utilization	108.25%

PERIOD	CFC Sets Allocation
A-201 (March 8-May 2, 2026)	03-Dec-25
A-202 (May 3-June 27, 2026)	21-Jan-26
A-203 (June 28-August 22, 2026)	25-Mar-25
A-204 (August 23-October 17, 2026)	13-May-26
A-205 (October 18-December 12, 2026)	14-Jul-26
A-206 (Dec 13, 2026-February 6, 2027)	02-Sep-26

- 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



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FOR SALE:

180' Big Dutchman Feeders
Ziggity Waterlines
Contact Sid
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FOR SALE:

Exhaust Flaps
Contact: Dan - dsnhofer@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



FOR SALE

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Contact: Caleb 780-699-1223

