

# FEBRUARY

## Newsletter





## Alberta Chicken Producers' Board and Staff Contact Information:

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**DIRECTORS:** Wes Nanninga, Rob van Diemen, 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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# Upcoming Events:

**Alberta Poultry Industry Tradeshow & Reception - Feb. 23, 2026**

**Alberta Chicken Producers' Annual General Meeting - Feb. 24, 2026**

 **Red Deer Resort & Casino**

AGM REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB. 16, 2026

[CLICK HERE](#) 

Click here for registration and further event information.

## Alberta Chicken Producers' 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Information

Alberta Chicken Producers (ACP) is holding its 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm MST** at the Red Deer Resort & Casino in Red Deer. Keynote Speaker John Scott 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.

Please note that the afternoon/evening before the AGM on Monday, February 23, 2026, the Alberta Poultry Industry (API) Reception and Trade Show will be held in the Event Centre from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This event provides an opportunity to reconnect, network, and tour the booth exhibits showcasing their vendor product(s).

Venue Address:

 Red Deer Resort & Casino  
3310 – 50 Avenue  
Red Deer, AB T4N 3X9

### Monday, February 23

#### Alberta Poultry Industry Tradeshow & Reception

 Event Centre

- Tradeshow: 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Reception: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM (food served)
- Short Program: 5:15 PM
  - Elected officials have been invited to attend the reception

**Tuesday, February 24**

## **Alberta Poultry Industry Tradeshow & Alberta Chicken Producers' Annual General Meeting**

In-person and Virtual Attendance Options:

- Red Deer Resort & Casino - 3310 50 Ave, Red Deer, AB - Santano Room
- Zoom Webinar – [Click here to register](#)

**Meeting details:**

-  **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**
- Registration: 8:00 AM
- Meeting Commences: 9:00 AM
- Tradeshow Open: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Lunch: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM - hosted in the Event Centre

**AGM Registration:**

 **PRODUCER REGISTRATION – CLICK HERE**

**Producer Lunch Information**

- Each farm number includes **two (2) complimentary lunch tickets**
- Pre-registration is required to receive complimentary tickets
- Additional lunch tickets must be purchased in advance
  -  <https://www.meet-here.ca/api26/begin>

 **INDUSTRY REGISTRATION CLICK HERE**

**Industry Lunch Information**

- Lunch is not included with industry registration.
- Lunch tickets must be purchased in advance:
  -  <https://www.meet-here.ca/api26/begin>

**Pre-registration is required for all attendees.**

**Deadline: February 16**

## **ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS:**

### **Board Director Positions:**

As required under ACP's Bylaws, a Director must step down from serving on the ACP Board after completing three consecutive three-year terms.

At the 2026 AGM, the following Directors will be completing their current terms and are eligible for re-election:

- David Hyink, Chair – completing his second three-year term
- Tara deVries, Director – completing her first three-year term

Producers interested in serving on the Board of Directors are encouraged to submit a Nomination Form in accordance with ACP's Bylaws.

### **Producer Representative Positions:**

Two (2) Producer Representative positions will be terming out in 2026.

ACP's Producer Representatives are elected annually at the AGM and are eligible to serve up to three consecutive one-year terms.

Producers interested in serving as a Producer Representative must submit a Nomination Form. Current Producer Representatives wishing to let their name stand for re-election must also be formally nominated by submitting a Nomination Form.

### **Nominations:**

Nomination forms for both Board Director and Producer Representative positions are attached.

- Board Director Nomination Form
- Producer Representative Nomination Form

Nominations are to be submitted to the Returning Officer, Geoff Brown. If submitting by email, nominations must be sent to [gbrown@chicken.ab.ca](mailto:gbrown@chicken.ab.ca) no later than 4:00 pm on February 23, 2026. If submitting in-person, nominations must be provided to Geoff Brown prior to 9:00 am on February 24, 2026.

ACP also accepts nominations from the floor in accordance with ACP's Bylaws.

Forms may be submitted by:

- Fax: (780) 488-3570
- Email: Geoff Brown, Returning Officer – [Gbrown@chicken.ab.ca](mailto:Gbrown@chicken.ab.ca)

Please note that voting at the 2026 AGM will be conducted by paper ballot.

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

**Meeting Reference Documents:**

- [1 59th Annual General Meeting Minutes](#)
- [2 AGM Agenda](#)
- [3 Board Director Eligibility](#)
- [4 Meeting Rules of Order](#)
- [5 Nomination Form \(Producer Representative\)](#)
- [6 Nomination Form \(Board Director\)](#)
- [7 Certificate of Appointed Representative](#)
- [8 Statutory Declaration Form for Voting](#)
- [9 Annual Report \(Includes Financials\)](#)



**2025 Annual Report**





**PRODUCER  
LEADERSHIP  
WORKSHOP**  
MARCH 20, 2026  
RED DEER



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**Producer Leadership Development Workshop – 2026**

An exciting opportunity to grow your leadership skills and learn more about yourself, your fellow producers and directors, and the work of the ACP Board.

We are pleased to once again extend a special invitation to producers interested in taking on a larger role within our organization. Alberta Chicken Producers will be hosting the 2026 Producer Leadership Development Workshop in Red Deer on **March 20, 2026**, and we warmly invite you to be part of this engaging and empowering experience.

**Event Details:**

Date: March 20, 2026

Location: Red Deer, Alberta

Facilitator: Karen Kirkwood

This workshop is designed for individuals who have a strong interest in contributing to the growth and success of Alberta Chicken Producers. Whether you aspire to serve as a director, producer representative, or volunteer, this is a valuable opportunity to explore and strengthen your leadership skills.

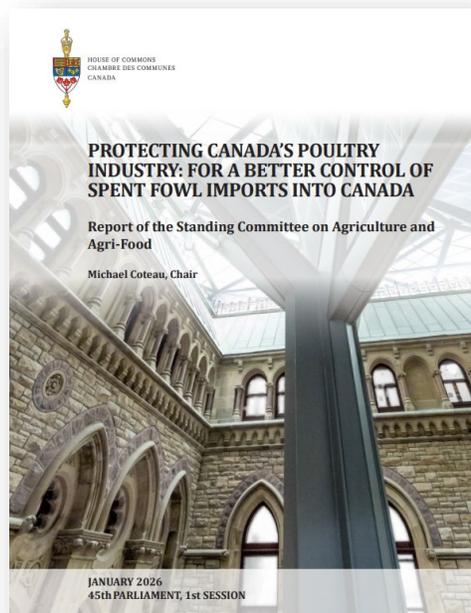
Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Gain insight into leadership and personal strengths
- Develop effective interpersonal and communication skills
- Build an understanding of governance and why it matters to organizations
- Learn about the governance structure and approaches used by Alberta Chicken Producers
- Connect with fellow producers and directors

We encourage you to mark your calendar and consider taking part in this meaningful professional development opportunity. We look forward to welcoming you to Red Deer on March 20.

If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact ACP Executive Director, Geoff Brown, at 780-488-2125 or [gbrown@chicken.ab.ca](mailto:gbrown@chicken.ab.ca). Additional details will be shared in the coming weeks.

## **Spent Fowl Report from the House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food is now available**



CFC representatives presented to the House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food in October regarding the importation of broiler chicken meat mislabeled as spent fowl, emphasizing the need for a DNA testing solution to combat these fraudulent imports. The Committee's report has been released and is now available. [Click here to read the report.](#)

## ACP Board Update: 7-Week Cycle

The Alberta Chicken Producers Board of Directors deliberated on a proposal to transition the industry to a 7-week cycle; however, consensus was not achieved and the proposal was not adopted.



January 30, 2026

To all Alberta Chicken Producers and industry stakeholders:

As part of our stakeholder engagement strategy and regional meetings in 2025, the ACP Board considered moving all Alberta producers to a 7-week cycle as one possible way to address provincial underproduction to increase overall growing space and barn capacity in response to rapidly increasing provincial allocations.

***The Board deliberated on the proposal to transition the industry to a 7-week cycle; however, consensus was not achieved and the proposal was not adopted.***

This item was difficult for the Board, as results from our stakeholder engagement strategy indicate that our producer base is split on this issue. While we recognize the benefits and efficiencies of a 7-week cycle, we must also consider the significant investment producers have already made – or are planning to make – in barn construction and expansion. We will do as much as possible to encourage producers to continue to build capacity for future growth.

Based on stakeholder feedback, the ACP Board has implemented a plan to address several foundational constraints holding back Alberta production, beyond barn space alone. These plans include clear action steps to address chick supply, chick quality, elevated mortality, disease pressures and capacity of Alberta hatcheries, processing plants and the hatching egg sector. We will release the full results of our stakeholder engagement strategy as well as our implementation plan to address provincial underproduction included in the AGM meeting package, and will be discussing the issue at the AGM, both in the Chairs Report and a presentation specifically on Addressing Alberta underproduction.

As chicken demand continues to grow, Alberta broiler producers and industry partners have an important opportunity to move forward together. Supported by a differential growth formula that reflects Alberta's population and economic strength, we are well positioned to build capacity, strengthen our sector, and support sustainable growth. The ACP Board sincerely thanks you for your continued collaboration, leadership and commitment as we work collectively to seize the opportunities ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Brown", with a long, sweeping underline.

Geoff Brown  
Executive Director  
Alberta Chicken Producers

Cc: Alberta Chicken Producers Board of Directors

## Notice: Quota Administrative Changes - Conversion Factor & Production Sleeve

Please [click here for a letter outlining modifications to quota administration](#). These changes are to encourage increased quota utilization, which will support Alberta Chicken Producers in meeting its provincial allocation. Please refer to the letter for full details.

Also linked below are detailed documents outlining the changes to the Production Sleeve and Conversion Factor:

- **Conversion Factor** changes effective **A-202**
- **Production Sleeve** changes effective **A-200**

If you have any questions regarding the attached documents, please contact Geoff Brown, Executive Director, Alberta Chicken Producers, at [gbrown@chicken.ca](mailto:gbrown@chicken.ca), or Karen Miller, Business and Market Analyst, Alberta Chicken Producers, at [kmiller@chicken.ca](mailto:kmiller@chicken.ca).

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

- February 23, 2026: Alberta Poultry Tradeshow & Reception
- February 24, 2026: AGM
- March 20, 2026: Producer Leadership Workshop – Red Deer
- March 25-26, 2026: Lethbridge Aggie Days
- April 15 – 17, 2026: Calgary Aggie Days
- July 3-12, 2026: Calgary Stampede

## Classifieds

### WANTED:

7000 Units of Broiler Quota  
Call 780-308-8001

### WANTED:

Broiler Quota Wanted  
Call Peter @ 403-392-5230

### FOR SALE:

1,500 Units of Broiler Quota  
Contact: 780-999-7238  
[eli.black@icloud.com](mailto:eli.black@icloud.com)

### FOR SALE:

180' Big Dutchman Feeders  
Ziggity Waterlines  
Contact Sid  
(250)793-9597



**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**

Chicken Mortality Wagons

Contact: Caleb 780-699-1223

