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Alberta Chicken Producers participates in stakeholder roundtable with Minister Sawyer

Executive Director Geoff Brown represented Alberta Chicken Producers at a Calgary Chamber of Commerce roundtable with Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Tara Sawyer on June 24 in Calgary.

The roundtable brought together stakeholders from across Alberta's agriculture sector to discuss agri-processing, labour challenges, agricultural research, and opportunities to reduce regulatory burden.

Minister Sawyer highlighted the province's success in attracting investment through the Agri-Processing Investment Tax Credit. Since 2023, the program has received 22 project applications representing \$1.85 billion in potential investment. HelloFresh was highlighted as a recent example of a company choosing to invest in Alberta, citing factors such as the regulatory environment, workforce availability and access to locally sourced ingredients.



Alberta Chicken Producers thanked the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for its advocacy regarding recent funding reductions to the Natural Resources Conservation Board. Following concerns raised by industry stakeholders, funding was reinstated to help ensure timely approvals for livestock expansion projects and new barn construction.

Alberta Chicken Producers will continue to engage with government and industry partners on issues that support the growth and competitiveness of Alberta agriculture.

ACP partners with Agriculture Minister to celebrate International Year of the Woman Farmer

On June 23, Alberta Chicken Producers partnered with Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Tara Sawyer to host a special event celebrating the International Year of the Woman Farmer and recognizing the contributions of women across Alberta's agriculture sector.

Thank you to Alberta Grains and Alberta Milk for their support in helping make the event possible.



On May 12, Alberta Chicken Producers participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by the Calgary Chamber of Commerce with MP Corey Hogan, Member of Parliament for Calgary Confederation, Alberta, and



ACP used the opportunity to reinforce the importance of supply management and the need to avoid any further concessions in future trade negotiations. The discussion also highlighted that supply-managed farmers do not receive government subsidies, which prompted broader conversation around the differences between the Canadian and American agricultural systems.

Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC) has approved updates to the On-Farm Food Safety Program (OFFSP) that will require poultry farms to install a physical barrier between the Controlled Access Zone (CAZ) and the Restricted Area (RA), commonly referred to as the bird area.

THE BARN ENTRY PROCESS WITH A PHYSICAL BARRIER

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COMPARING DIFFERENT BARN ENTRANCE DESIGNS

THE PROCESS FOR PROPER BARN ENTRY

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ENTRANCE DESIGNS FOR MULTI-STORY BARN

MULTI-STORY BARN IS A GOOD BARN ENTRY DESIGN POSSIBLE?

In North America – and specifically Canada – the poultry industry is more faced with a higher demand for more modern barns than in other parts of the world. Modern barns are not only more efficient and productive but also more secure and safer for the animals and the people working in them.

An important barn entrance design is one of the most important biosecurity designs that can be implemented in a modern barn. It can be designed to be a physical barrier at the entrance of the barn, before the entrance to the barn, to prevent the entry of people and vehicles into the barn.

FOOTBATHS: HELPING OR HINDERING BIOSECURITY?

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For Alberta producers, the most significant change is that footwear changes must now occur outside the bird area. As a result, some farms will need to modify their existing transition zones. In addition, farms that access the bird area directly from an exterior door will need to create a closed transition space, either through an enclosed porch or an interior vestibule.

While a highly visible barrier measuring 12 to 18 inches in height is recommended, several barrier designs may be acceptable. The key requirement is that the barrier makes contact with the floor and walls, leaving no gaps that could allow debris to move between zones. Alberta Chicken Producers recognizes that every farm is different and will work with producers to identify practical solutions where accessibility or mobility considerations exist.

The updated requirements will become part of the OFFSP audit beginning with A-204 on Aug. 23, 2026, ensuring enhanced biosecurity measures are in place before the fall migratory bird season. Farms that require structural modifications and are unable to complete the work by that date must have a written action plan in place. All required upgrades must be completed by A-208 on Apr. 4, 2027.

CFC has also developed guidance materials, including a photo library showcasing acceptable barrier options for a variety of barn configurations. In many cases, farms can meet the new requirements with minimal cost or disruption.

Alberta Chicken Producers has been actively engaged throughout the consultation process and will continue to support producers as they prepare for implementation. Producers with questions about their transition zones or barrier options are encouraged to contact Rob Renema, Farm Programs & Research Manager at Rrenema@chicken.ab.ca.

[Click here for the full memo from CFC](#)

ACP participates in Terroir Symposium

Alberta Chicken Producers participated in the 2026 Terroir Symposium in Calgary from May 27 to 31, connecting with chefs, restaurateurs, foodservice professionals and industry leaders from across Canada.

The event provided an opportunity to share the story of Alberta chicken farming and strengthen relationships throughout the food value chain.

Thank you to ACP volunteers George Hofer and Gary Hofer for volunteering their time and serving as ambassadors for Alberta's chicken sector.



ACP participates in Mountain View Aggie Days

Alberta Chicken Producers participated in Mountain View Aggie Days in Carstairs on May 22 and 23, welcoming students and members of the public for two days of agricultural education and engagement.

Thank you to producers George and Riley Hofer for volunteering their time and helping make the event a success.



ACP participates in Indus School Careers & Agriculture Day

On May 13, Alberta Chicken Producers participated in the Indus School Careers & Agriculture Day, engaging with students and teachers throughout the day to share more about Alberta's chicken sector and the many careers connected to agriculture.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions about how chickens are raised, learn more about farming in Alberta and explore the important role agriculture plays in their everyday lives.

Thank you to our volunteers George Hofer and Martha Wurz, as well as Manuel Vega from Cargill, for giving up their time to help support this event and connect with students.



ACP participates in Stollery Teddy Bear Fun Fest

On May 9, Alberta Chicken Producers participated in the Stollery Teddy Bear Fun Fest in Edmonton at Rundle Park, helping support one of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation's major fundraising events.

ACP hosted a booth featuring chicken trivia and our model barn, giving families and event participants an opportunity to learn more about Alberta chicken farming and engage with our volunteers throughout the day.

In partnership with Sofina, ACP also supplied chicken wraps for lunch. During the lunch portion of the event, our volunteers moved over to the lunch tents to help serve wraps to participants.

The event has currently raised more than \$330,000 in support of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation.

A huge thank you to our volunteers Tara and Darren deVries, Jacob Middelkamp, David, Sharlene and Leo Hyink, and Hinke, Natalie, Annelies and Emilie Therrien for giving up their time to support this important community event.



New water well monitoring guideline now available

A new technical guideline has been released to help clarify water well monitoring requirements under Alberta's Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA).

The [Water Well Monitoring Parameters](#) guideline provides information on monitoring requirements for household and farm water wells located near confined feeding operations and manure storage or collection areas. The guideline was developed by the Technical Advisory Group to help producers better understand monitoring expectations when water well monitoring is required.

To accompany the guideline, an article titled "[Water Well Monitoring Made Simple](#)" has been published in Agri-News, providing an overview of the requirements and practical considerations for producers.

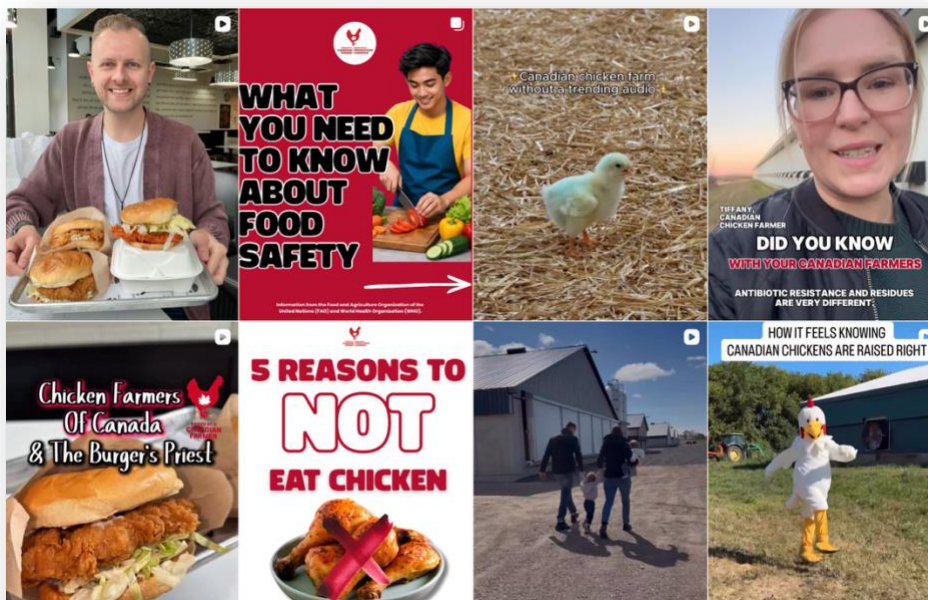
Producers interested in learning more are encouraged to review both resources. Additional technical guidelines related to manure management and legislation are available through the [Open Government Portal](#), Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation's [manure management resources](#), and the [Natural Resources Conservation Board \(NRCB\) website](#).

Chicken Farmers of Canada introduces new Instagram handle

Chicken Farmers of Canada has launched a new official Instagram account: [@chickenraisedright](#). The new handle reflects the Chicken Raised Right platform and will be the home for all national Instagram content moving forward.

The previous account, [@chickenfarmersofcanada](#), will remain visible during a transition period before being retired.

If you follow Chicken Farmers of Canada on Instagram, be sure to follow [@chickenraisedright](#) to stay up to date on the latest national chicken farming news, stories, and consumer-focused content.



Live Price for A-203

The Alberta Chicken Producers Board of Directors has approved the live price for period A-203, effective June 28 to Aug. 22, 2026.

Alberta's live price has been set at \$2.1736 per kilogram, representing an increase of \$0.0526 per kilogram from the A-202 period.

The standard provincial catching rate has been updated, effective A-203 to \$0.054/kg (\$0.050/kg for catching and \$0.004/kg for mileage).

[The Board Minimum Price Order for A-203 is attached for reference.](#)



Market Information

[June Current Rates and Market Conditions – Click here!](#)

A-204 Allocation

On May 13, 2026, Chicken Farmers of Canada established allocation for Period A-204.

The national allocation for A-204 was set at 6.50 per cent over adjusted base. Under the national allocation formula, which defaults to a pro-rata distribution when no growth allocation is available, Alberta's allocation for A-204 has been set at 11.81 per cent over adjusted base.

Period A-204 begins Aug. 23, 2026, and concludes Oct. 17, 2026.

Domestic Allocation (live kgs)	33,789,808
Market Development (live kgs)	100,000
Specialty Allocation (live kgs)	0
Total Allocation (live kgs)	33,889,808
Percentage of Utilization	98.06%

PERIOD	CFC Sets Allocation
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
A-207 (February 7, 2027-April 3, 2027)	21-Oct-26
A-208 (April 4, 2027-May 29, 2027)	08-Dec-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.	

Classifieds

WANTED:

7000 Units of Broiler Quota
Call 780-308-8001

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Broiler Quota Wanted
Call Peter @ 403-392-5230

FOR SALE:

3 LB White Heaters (6 months old)
Price: \$800 each
Located at Ridgevalley Colony.
For more information, contact Frank at 780-876-0247.



FOR SALE:

Feedmill

Contact Frank: 780-876-0247



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

