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Newsletter

Alberta Chicken Producers



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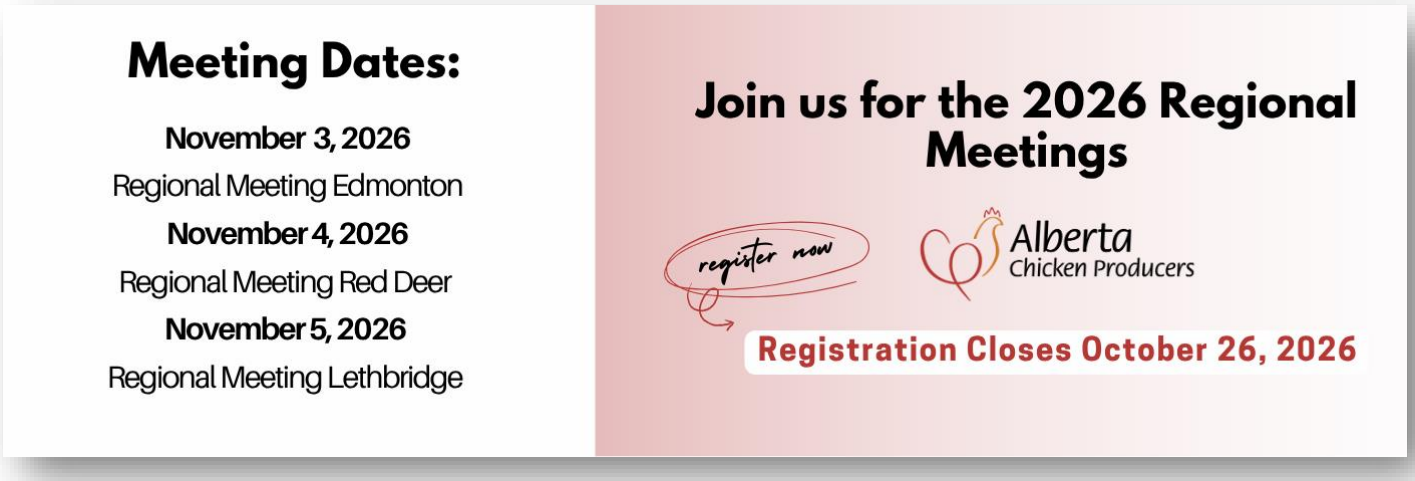
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You're invited to the 2026 Alberta Chicken Producers Regional Meetings.

Each meeting includes a **producer-only session**, followed by a **general session for producers and industry partners**. Industry representatives are welcome to attend the general session only.

Producer-Only Session

- Registration opens: 8:30 a.m.
- Meeting begins: 9:00 a.m.
- The producer-only agenda is available on the producer-only section of the Alberta Chicken Producers website.

General Session — producers and industry

- Registration opens: 10:45 a.m.
- Meeting begins: 11:00 a.m.

General Session Agenda

Please register by Monday, October 26, 2026. Separate registration links for producers and industry representatives are available below.

Industry Registration

Producer Registration

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To confirm your sponsorship or request more information, please contact Jasmine Szoke at **Jszoke@chicken.ab.ca.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Alberta Chicken Producers

Regional Meeting Co-Sponsorship Opportunity

Your minimum $500 contribution (per meeting location) will go towards Lunch & Refreshments

Alberta Chicken Producers' Regional Meetings are quickly approaching!

November 3, 2026 - Edmonton, AB
EVARIO Holiday Inn

November 4, 2026 - Red Deer, AB
Red Deer Resort & Casino

November 5, 2026 - Lethbridge, AB
Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge

Equal opportunity for meeting sponsorship is available now!

Please call Jasmine Szoke at the office of Alberta Chicken Producers
(780) 488-2125 or email jszoke@chicken.ab.ca
to secure your sponsorship.

Thank you!

Additional Information / FAQ

Q) Are there co-sponsorship levels or tiers?

A) Currently, we do not offer a Bronze, Silver or Gold level associated with different dollar amounts. Recognition will be given and company logos will be displayed at each location that receives a contribution, offering equal opportunity to sponsor at one, two or all three locations.

Q) Is there a deadline?

A) Yes! Please email or call by Friday, October 23, 2026. This is the last day contributions and company logos will be accepted.

Billing Information

Electronic invoicing is available! Please specify if you would like the invoice to be emailed or mailed to your office. For either option, please provide the following information:

- Contact Person
- Company Name
- Address
- Email
- Phone number

***Sponsorships of $1000 or more per meeting will grant you booth space inside the meeting room*

While $500 is stated as the minimum, all contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated! For any other questions or inquires, please contact Jasmine Szoke (780) 488-2125 or jszoke@chicken.ab.ca



Chicken Farmers of Canada 2027–2028 Young Farmers Program

The Young Farmers Program provides experience and information for young leaders in the chicken sector about governance, succession planning and personal branding. Young farmers will have the opportunity to network with key agriculture and government stakeholders and get to share their knowledge with policy makers and emerging leaders in the sector. The program provides the tools and training to continue to grow in the sector, with the long-term goal of playing a larger role in the governing of chicken farming in Canada.

The program is 18-months in duration and includes the opportunity travel within Canada. There are events taking place during the 18 months that participants will have the opportunity to take part in. Please see the application link below for further details.

The information on how to apply to the program can be found here:

Come gain valuable experience by meeting other emerging leaders within the sector and get to share their knowledge with policy makers and stakeholders within the industry! Apply for CFC's Young Farmers Program using this link: https://www.chickenfarmers.ca/young-farmers-program/

CFC will be hosting an online webinar on October 14 at 2:00pm EST providing detailed information related to the application process. You can register for the webinar by emailing: youngfarmers@chicken.ca



Click here!

For specific questions related to the Young Farmers Program please contact Erin Callary at: youngfarmers@chicken.ca You are also encouraged to contact your provincial office if you require any assistance with your application process.

Meeting with Minister Tara Sawyer

On Friday, September 11, Alberta Chicken Producers met with Tara Sawyer, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, at her constituency office in Olds.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss current opportunities and challenges facing Alberta's chicken sector and to share the priorities of our producers directly with the Minister.

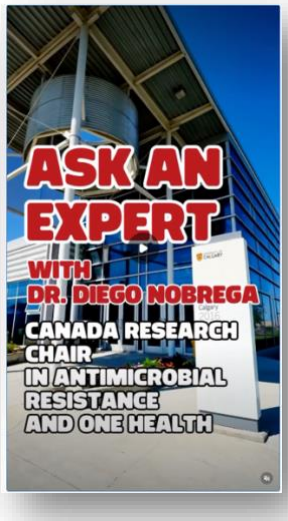
We look forward to continuing to build our relationship with Minister Sawyer and working with government to advocate on behalf of Alberta chicken producers.



From left: Alberta Chicken Producers Executive Director Geoff Brown; Chair David Hyink; Minister Tara Sawyer; Vice-Chair Ross Bezovie; and Manager of Public Affairs Maria Leslie.

Check It Out: CFC's "Ask the Expert" Series on Antibiotic Use

Click here!



Calgary Co-op Smoke Show

On September 12, Alberta Chicken Producers joined our partners at Calgary Co-op and Maple Leaf Foods for the Calgary Co-op Smoke Show at the brand-new Calgary Co-op Food Store in Cochrane.

Held in celebration of National Poultry Month, the event featured Maple Leaf chicken wing samples, prizes, a classic car show and chicken trivia hosted by our farmers. Calgary Meals on Wheels and the Calgary Food Bank were also on site, and our farmers had the opportunity to make a donation in support of the Cochrane Food Bank.

We also toured the new store and visited the meat department, which prominently features locally produced food. In the poultry section, shoppers can learn more about how chicken is raised in Alberta through content developed in partnership with Calgary Co-op. Recipe ideas are also featured, along with a QR code directing shoppers to a dedicated poultry page for additional information.











Partnerships like this allow ACP to leverage the established audiences and trusted consumer channels of our retail and processing partners. They create opportunities to extend our messaging beyond ACP's own platforms, reach consumers at key points in the purchasing journey and build greater awareness of Alberta chicken, our farmers and how chicken is raised.

Calgary Co-op carries 100% Alberta chicken.



A big thank-you to George Hofer, Andrew Wurz and Lisa Wurz for volunteering their time and helping represent Alberta's chicken farmers at the event. We greatly appreciate your support!

Shared on behalf of the NRCB

Do you own a pre-2002 confined feeding operation without a permit from the NRCB?

Help protect your operation with a formal grandfathering determination.

If your confined feeding operation (CFO) was operating before January 1, 2002, and you do not have a permit from the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) that states your livestock type and livestock capacity, now is a good time to request a formal grandfathering determination from the NRCB.

A grandfathering determination provides official documentation of your operation's livestock type and capacity. Having that documentation can make things easier if you plan to sell, refinance, transfer ownership, or expand your operation in the future.

If you already have a permit from the NRCB that states your livestock type and livestock capacity, this article does not apply to you.

Why should you apply?

Get documentation before you need it

A grandfathering determination confirms the livestock type and capacity your operation was approved for on January 1, 2002 when the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* came into effect.

Buyers, lenders, and other organizations may ask for this information when you are selling, refinancing, transferring ownership, or planning changes to your operation.

Many producers do not realize they need this documentation until they are in the middle of a business transaction. Applying now allows you to get the information ahead of time and avoid possible delays later.

Records are getting harder to find

To confirm grandfathered status, the NRCB needs information that shows your operation existed before January 1, 2002, and what livestock type and capacity it had at that time.

As records get older, they can become harder to find. Applying sooner may make it easier to locate and verify the information needed to support your application.

The process is now simpler

The NRCB has updated its grandfathering determination process to improve timelines and make the process clearer for producers.

The updated approach was developed with input from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and livestock industry groups.

Consider applying before 2030

The NRCB is discussing the future of grandfathering with industry associations, municipalities, and government partners.

As part of those discussions, the NRCB is preparing to request legislative changes that would end new grandfathering determination applications after 2030.

If those changes are approved, producers who have not obtained a grandfathering determination before the deadline may no longer be able to apply for one.

If you think your operation may qualify for grandfathered status, it is worth considering an application sooner rather than later.

Questions?

Check out our frequently asked questions on grandfathering.
Ready to get started?

Contact your local NRCB field office, send us an email, or visit our website.

Morinville: 780-939-1212
Red Deer/Airdrie: 403-340-5241
Lethbridge: 403-381-5166

Email: info@nrcb.ca
Website: www.nrcb.ca

Live Price for A-205

Alberta's live price for A-205 has been set at $2.2617/kg, an increase of $0.0321/kg (3.21 cents) from A-204.

The price is effective October 18 to December 12, 2026.

The Board Minimum Price Order for A-205 is attached for reference.

Market Information

October Current Rates and Market Conditions – Click here!





A-206 Allocation

On September 2, 2026, Chicken Farmers of Canada set the national allocation for Period A-206 at 5.50% over base.

Under the national allocation formula, which defaults to pro rata in the absence of growth, Alberta's A-206 allocation was set at 10.7% over base.

Period A-206 runs from December 13, 2026, to February 6, 2027.

Allocation Details	Alberta
Domestic Allocation (live kg)	34,486,787
Market Development (live kg)	0
Specialty Allocation (live kg)	0
Total Allocation (live kg)	**34,486,787**
Percentage of Utilization	99.8766%

PERIOD	CFC Sets Allocation
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
A-209 (May 30, 2027-July 24, 2027)	10-Feb-27
A-210 (July 25, 2027-September 18, 2027)	24-Mar-27

- 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

WANTED:
Seeking long-term lease quota, we are willing to pay a premium for a long-term deal. Contact: 403-783-1359

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

WANTED:
Broiler Quota Wanted
Call Peter @ 403-392-5230

FOR SALE:
5000 Quota Units
For more information, call or text Darcy at 780-678-0808.







