

EggNotes

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EFA Vision Statement

Healthy Food, Healthy Farms,
Healthy Families



EFA Mission Statement

Cultivating a sustainable egg industry
together with farmers, consumers & other
stakeholders

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Egg Price Update Effective February 25, 2024

Canada Grade	Size	Price Per Dozen	
A	Extra Large	3.080	↑
A	Large	3.080	↑
A	Medium	2.780	↑
A	Small	2.420	↑
A	Nest Run	2.900	↑
A	Pee Wee	0.260	↓
B		0.750	↓
C		0.140	↓

Note: From the minimum paying price, graders can only deduct charges as authorized by the EFA Board. Effective December 29/19, rates were set for each zone in Alberta and reflect the maximum rate that can be deducted from producer's weekly cheque. For further information, please refer to OPP #13.3 on the producer portal.

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Note: EggNotes can be accessed on the EFA website or EFA's producer portal



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Board Update



Your Egg Farmers of Alberta (EFA) Board of Directors will be meeting with the EFA leadership team in early September to conduct our annual Strategic Planning session. We will review accomplishments, successes, and challenges from the past year, across EFA's four key pillars; healthy birds, healthy eggs, healthy farms, and healthy communities. We will also work with EFA managers to prioritize key areas of focus for next year, enabling them to build a comprehensive operational plan for 2025.

Fall Migration

The Board would like to remind our fellow producers that with the fall migration just around the corner, now is the time to remain vigilant and exercise an abundance of caution to continue mitigating the risk of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). It is unlikely that HPAI has completely dissipated, so be aware of migrating birds in your area, as they head south for the winter. Your dedication will help keep our flocks safe and healthy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 8 | QE3 2024 Summary of Quota Transfers

August 17 & 18 | Alberta Open Farm Days

August 27 | Production Management Committee Meeting

September 2 | Office closed for Labour Day

September 3-4 | EFA Board Meeting

September 5 | Research Committee Meeting

September 10 | EFA Strategic Planning Meeting



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Healthy Farms

Farm Safety Support Still Available

To date, EFA Field Services Coordinators have completed Farm Safety Assessments on over 100 farms in 2024. Over the past couple of months, we have seen increasing interest from producers in working on the elements necessary to improve their scores and score at least 5 points on each question to pass. Through our partnership with AgSafe Alberta, egg farmers have access to AgSafe field staff for one-on-one coaching on farm. If you have been working on your farm safety program and are interested in having someone come out and support you through the final mile, please contact Jenna at the EFA office. This support is available until the end of December.



“Having AgSafe on farm was a wonderful experience. Their advisor was super helpful and very realistic.” – Alberta egg farmer

Farm Security Reminder

With summer finally in full swing, EFA wants to remind farmers that we must all remain vigilant about security on Alberta egg farms. The moment we feel relaxed and confident is the moment we are most vulnerable, whether the risk is Avian Influenza or animal activism. All Alberta egg farmers should have a comprehensive security and response plan in place to safeguard the health and well-being of their farm, family, employees, animals, and livelihood.

As a reminder, there are a variety of resources available on the Farm Security page in the Emergency Preparedness section on the producer portal. EFA’s Farm Security Toolkit provides details and tips to help you develop a security plan for your farm, as well as a response plan to help you know what to do if your farm is ever targeted by activists or is the victim of an illegal trespass. Committing to effective farm security is vital to maintaining the health of your farm, including your own mental health!



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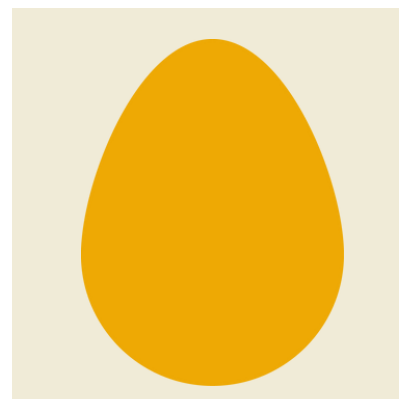
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Healthy Eggs

Annual Water Test Reminder

As a reminder, per the Start-Clean Stay-Clean® program, farmers are expected to take drinking water samples at least once per year. **Drinking water must be tested for the presence or absence of two groups of bacteria: Total coliforms and faecal coliforms.** The record of this test must be on hand during your audit, or a corrective action will be issued.



As this is a Critical Control Element (CCE), there is a 7-day time period for CAR closure. This can be challenging given lab test turnaround times, so it is very important to ensure the test is done annually, and prior to your audit! It is a good practice to sample after the completion of a water well or when the quality of a water supply is suspected because of surface run-off or high amounts of rainfall, turbid water, or unusual colour, taste, or smell.

If treating water, chlorine residual tests are also required to be conducted monthly.

On July 30th, a memo was sent out to all producers notifying them of a policy change with Alberta Health Services which impacts their water tests. Alberta Health Services is no longer releasing lab results for water tests and will call if there are issues with your water sample. As noted above, it is a requirement of the Start-Clean, Stay-Clean Program to have a record of the water test results. While Egg Farmers of Alberta works to find a solution, the following are a list of independent labs:

Element (Calgary) - <https://www.element.com/locations/the-americas/calgary>

WSH Labs Ltd (Calgary) - <https://wshlabs.com/>

Central Labs (Red Deer) - <https://www.c-labs.ca/>

PBR Laboratories Inc (Edmonton) - <https://www.pbr.ca/services.php?services=1&>

ALS Lab (Edmonton) - <https://www.alsglobal.com/en/>

Down to Earth Labs (Lethbridge) - <https://downtoearthlabs.com/service/Water>

CARO Analytical Services (offers testing to BC and AB) - <https://www.caro.ca/water-testings/>

Please also note that your feed representative or veterinarian may also be able to assist you in water testing and obtaining its associated results.



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Healthy Birds

Canadian Poultry Research Forum Meeting Reports 2024

The Canadian Poultry Research Forum meeting reports features research on nutrition, disease, sustainability, vaccinations, water quality, management practices and so much more! Did you know that probiotics may be a useful tool to mitigate several management challenges such as feather pecking? Find out more by viewing the meeting reports (x3) on the Research Outcomes page on the producer portal.



Western Poultry Conference Proceedings 2024

Did you miss the Western Poultry Conference in Red Deer in June? Not to worry, the proceedings from the conference are available at: <https://westernpoultryconference.ca/2024-proceedings/>

Check out many cool talks from how to effectively vaccinate your flock to utilizing Artificial Intelligence on your farm!

Healthy Communities

Classroom Agriculture Program – Call for Volunteers

EFA is proud to be a long-time member and supporter of the Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP), which provides agricultural and agri-food education to grade-4 & grade-5 students across the province. We encourage experienced Egg Ambassadors to reach out to CAP directly if you are interested in volunteering, or please feel free to contact David Webb (x126) at the EFA office to learn more about volunteering for CAP.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Help us teach Alberta's
Grade 4 and 5 students about
the importance of agriculture!

Ag for Life

What do CAP volunteers do?

Volunteers are welcomed into pre-registered grade 4 and 5 classrooms to conduct one-hour-long presentations on the importance of agriculture. This is done through storytelling, the use of hands-on props, engaging activities and a variety of fun games.



For more information, please visit our website
www.classroomagricultureprogram.ca

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Community Relations Update

EFA continues to monitor municipalities across the province where their Municipal Development Plan (MDP) or Land Use Bylaws could potentially impact farmers living in that community. In addition to the 2 areas mentioned at EFA's recent regional producer meetings, there are 4 more areas we want to bring to the attention of Alberta egg farmers.

Municipal District of Taber:

- Currently undertaking its first full review of their Land Use Bylaw since 2004
- A public Land Use Bylaw survey has been completed and is now closed
- Additional details are available here: <https://www.mdtaber.ab.ca/p/lub>

County of Wetaskiwin:

- Currently undertaking a review and modernization of their Land Use Bylaw
- The final open houses to review the proposed changes with the public are scheduled for August 20th and August 22nd
- Additional details are available here: <https://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/624/Land-Use-Bylaw-Review>

Parkland County #1:

- Currently undertaking a review and updating of their Municipal Development Plan
- A public survey is now open to review the proposed changes and provide feedback
- The survey, as well as a link to review the full draft MDP, can be found here: https://www.research.net/r/ParklandMDP_Stage3_Survey

Parkland County #2:

- Currently updating their Land Use Bylaw
- Additional details are available here: <https://yourparkland.ca/lub>

Vulcan County:

- Currently updating their Land Use Bylaw
- Additional details, including plans for further public engagement in fall 2024, are available here: <https://www.vulcancounty.ab.ca/announcements/notices-and-advisories/>



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Supreme Poultry Catchers Inc. is a Professional Vaccination Team and has been working alongside some of the Best Growers over the past 3 + Years. We have enjoyed meeting, speaking, and working with you and look forward to building new relationships!

Supreme Poultry Catchers Inc. is incredibly open to discussing the Specific Services that we could assist with on your Farm. Some of those services include:

Vaccination

Vaccination and Move

Wing Web Vaccination

Table Egg Move

Spent Fowl

Please contact Corinne @ 1-780-886-7121 for more information.



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