

# 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

**EFA Office Hours**  
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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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[tate.odwyer@eggs.ab.ca](mailto:tate.odwyer@eggs.ab.ca)

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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 would like to remind Alberta egg farmers and industry partners about the upcoming round of regional producer meetings. Letters were sent out earlier this month with additional details, including a link for registration, which must be completed by Wednesday, May 29th.

- Monday, June 17th – Calgary (Winston Golf Club) & Zoom
- Tuesday, June 18th – Grande Prairie (Pomeroy Hotel)
- Wednesday, June 19th – Edmonton (Holiday Inn – Nisku)
- Thursday, June 20th – Lethbridge (Lethbridge Lodge)

If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact Melissa at the EFA office (x.101)

## **Federal Supply Chain Act**

The federal government recently implemented new legislation that requires certain companies to report on the measures taken to reduce the risk that forced labour and child labour are used in their supply chains. Under the Supply Chains Act (formerly Bill S-211), these companies are required to submit an annual report to Public Safety Canada each year.

Companies conducting business in Canada that meet two of the following conditions for at least one of its two most recent financial years must report under the Act:

\$20 million or more in assets

\$40 million or more in revenue

An average of 250 or more employees

Reporting via an online questionnaire must be completed by not later than May 31st each year. Failure to do so may result in fines up to \$250,000.

Additional information from Public Safety Canada on the process, report requirements and guidance can be found at: <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/frcd-lbr-cndn-spply-chns/prpr-rprt-en.aspx>

Egg Farmers of Canada is investigating to better understand how this legislation impacts the Canadian egg industry, including both farmers and our supply chain partners.

## **CN Rail Strike**

All producers should be aware that there is a looming CN rail strike which could cause disruptions and impact your ability to access certain commodities. We encourage you to stay up to date on this news.



## UPCOMING KEY DATES

**May 20** | Office closed for Victoria Day  
**May 30** | QE2 2024 Summary of Quota Transfers  
**June 5-6** | EFA Board Meeting  
**June 17** | Calgary Regional Meeting  
**June 18** | Grande Prairie Regional Meeting  
**June 19** | Edmonton Regional Meeting  
**June 20** | Lethbridge Regional Meeting  
**June 25** | New Entrant Program Application Deadline @ 4:00 PM  
**July 4** | QE3 2024 Sales Deadline

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

 **June 17** | Calgary Regional Meeting

# Healthy Birds

## *Third Party Auditor - Update*

In the April issue of EggNotes it was noted that effective April 26, 2024, third-party audits in Canada will be conducted by MSVS Canada Inc and that the individual auditor(s) in Alberta would change. We have now been advised that the new individual third party auditor in Alberta will be *Sandra Nesom*. Please check the producer portal for a photo. As a reminder, auditors are required to carry government-issued photo ID.

## *From Your Production Management Committee (PMC)*

EFA's PMC met on April 18, 2024. One of the agenda items related to flock health was Avian Infectious Coryza and topping up. Members of the PMC would like for producers to consider that:

- There are risks when topping up your flock. It is important that producers understand where birds are coming from and how many sources the birds are coming from. It is important to ask your hatchery representative or pullet grower these questions when considering a top up.
- Quota credits are available if you are short on pullets, it is important to consider this as an option as we have seen top ups bring in diseases that cause increased mortality and decreased egg production.
- If you are going to top up, consider contacting your vet for advice on testing and/or what diseases have been circulating recently. It can be very difficult to get rid of diseases once you test positive. When it comes to Coryza, the flock is considered positive until depopulated. This can add more problems if you have split flocks and/or pullets on the farm.

For more information on Avian Infectious Coryza, please reference the memo sent to all registered egg producers and commercial pullet growers on April 24, 2024.



## Reminder on Upcoming Changes to Feeder Space Requirements

There is currently a 5% tolerance in place for feed space per bird in conventional housing systems installed before the release of the Code of Practice on March 27, 2017. As such, it is acceptable for hens in conventional housing systems to have a minimum of 2.66 inches of feed space. **As a reminder, this allowance expires on December 31, 2025, at which time the 2.8 inch requirement will come into effect.** This applies to any birds which will still be in production at that time, even if placed earlier.

For the next leasing pool (2024/2025) changes in capacity up to December 31, 2025 were considered and some producers have already been reduced (on a future confirmed lease) depending on placement dates.

We ask that if you have a conventional housing system, you please take a moment to review your hen housing certificate prior to ordering your next batch of pullets to confirm whether you are impacted by the change from 2.66 to 2.8 inches of required feeder space.

If you are unsure whether you are impacted by this change or if you have questions about feeder space requirements, please contact Jenna at 403-250-1197 x. 129.

## Healthy Farms

### AgKnow - Free Counselling Sessions

AgKnow (Alberta Farm Mental Health Network), is offering a free sessions pilot program that covers up to four free counselling sessions for farmers, their families, farm employees, and veterinarians. Your mental health is important, and we encourage anyone who is in need of support to check out this resource. To learn more about this and the therapists, visit <https://www.agknow.ca/free-therapy-sessions>.

### Canadian Poultry Research Forum

The Canadian Poultry Research Forum is back again! This unique poultry conference provides an opportunity for Canadian researchers to share their insights and expertise and student working on poultry related projects to present their research findings to the public. Learn what is new in Canadian poultry research! This event will take place virtually over the course of three days, May 28 to 30, 2024. To register, please visit: <https://event.fourwaves.com/cprf2024/pages>

### Do you own a pre-2002 confined feeding operation? Article supplied from the NRCB

Help protect its future with a formal grandfathering determination from the NRCB  
Did your operation exist, or was it permitted by the county, before the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA) came into effect on January 1, 2002? If so, now is the time to request a formal grandfathering determination from the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB).



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Here's why:

### **Providing documentation for selling, refinancing, or expanding**

- If you ever need to sell, refinance, or expand your operation, buyers or bankers will likely require documentation from the NRCB of your permitted capacity.
- Requesting a formal grandfathering determination now will allow you to start the process to obtain the documentation on your own terms and on your own schedule, instead of scrambling when you discover you need that piece of paper.

### **Records from 2002 are getting harder to find**

- It's getting more difficult to find records from more than 20 years ago that prove the existence and capacity of your operation in 2002.
- Requesting a formal grandfathering determination now will allow you to start the process before even more time passes and it gets even harder to find records.

### **Shorter processing time**

- The NRCB has dedicated resources in place until June 2025 to assist with your grandfathering determination request.
- Requesting a formal grandfathering determination now, while these resources are available, will help reduce the time it takes to complete the process. Without these dedicated resources a formal grandfathering determination can take up to eight months.

### **Clarifying your capacity**

- You may be operating at a different capacity than on January 1, 2002.
- Requesting a formal grandfathering determination now will clarify the livestock type and capacity for which you are grandfathered.

Learn more about the benefits of a formal grandfathering determination at:

<https://www.nrcb.ca/news/post/request-a-formal-grandfathering-determination-for-your-pre-2002-cfo>

### **Questions? Want to get started?**

Contact your local NRCB field office, send us an email, or check our website:

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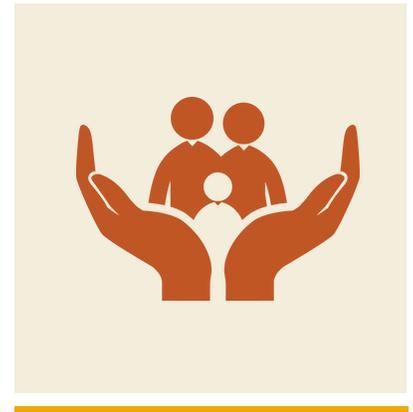
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# Healthy Communities

## Shifts still available for the Calgary Stampede

A reminder to all egg ambassadors that there are still shifts available to work at this year's Calgary Stampede, happening July 5 to 14, 2024. We are also in search of 13 white and 13 brown birds with good feather cover. If you are interested in finding out which shifts are open or helping us out with birds, please contact Tate O'Dwyer, EFA's Marketing & Social Media Coordinator at 587-391-6122 or email [tate.odwyer@eggs.ab.ca](mailto:tate.odwyer@eggs.ab.ca).



## Another successful event at Aggie Days Calgary!

This year's event ran from Wednesday, April 10 to Sunday, April 14. From Wednesday to Friday, the event was only open to students in grades 3-6, whereas the weekend was open to the public. It drew over 33,000 people of all ages! We had live birds at our booth and farmers, both of which are fundamental parts of sharing the journey of farm-to-table, and kids were amazed to touch and feel the warmth of eggs that were just laid. EFA also had a new addition to our booth, an interactive touch-screen kiosk with a presentation that allowed kids and adults to discover more information related to eggs, egg farming, and the egg industry.

Aggie Days is a wonderful opportunity for the public to learn more about Canadian agriculture and highlight the hard work farmers do every day. A shoutout to all our event staff and farmers who signed up for shifts at Aggie Days! We truly appreciate your help and presence at EFA's booth! And thank you to Country Hills Egg Farm for supplying the birds.

