

EggNotes

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 Healthy Food, Healthy Farms,
 Healthy Families



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 Cultivating a sustainable egg industry
 together with farmers, consumers & other
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Egg Price Update Effective January 29, 2023

Canada Grade	Size	Price Per Dozen
A	Extra Large	2.840 ↓
A	Large	2.840 ↓
A	Medium	2.540 ↓
A	Small	2.180 ↓
A	Nest Run	2.672 ↓
A	Pee Wee	0.270 -
B		0.760 -
C		0.150 -

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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Board Update



Your Egg Farmers of Alberta (EFA) Board of Directors would like to invite our fellow producers to attend the International Egg Commission's Global Leadership Conference, which is being held at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise on September 24-28, 2023. This event is sure to be an engaging conference with tremendous networking opportunities. EFA is proud to be sponsoring the first part of Eggs for a Healthy Future, which will discuss the important role animal-source foods play in human diets.

Cost of Production Update

The Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) Board of Directors is currently reviewing and verifying the data from the 2021 Cost of Production (COP) Study Final Report. They also need to ensure there is a sufficient industry framework to support the implementation of multiple COP values. There is not yet a confirmed target date for implementation of the 2021 COP.

Free-Run Integration Team

The EFC Board of Directors approved the creation of the Free-Run Integration Team (FRIT) in March 2023, to develop a pricing framework for free-run housing systems and recommend a uniform national pricing strategy. FRIT will have representation from all egg boards, with the goal of generating outcomes that align with the outcomes of the National Alternative Housing project.



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Welcome Reshma to the EFA Team!

EFA is pleased to welcome Reshma Puthettukalam Sajan who joined us on June 12th, replacing Sandy in the role of Financial Coordinator. Reshma is an accountant by passion and profession and a mother of two. She holds a bachelor's degree in commerce, Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Management, Chartered Accountancy Intermediate level, and Payroll Compliance Professional Certification. She possesses 11 years of accounting experience and almost 4 years of Canadian Payroll experience. Reshma is always very excited to explore anything new; let it be skills, information, technology, places, or food. Please join us in welcoming Reshma the next time you stop by the office!

Avian Influenza (AI) Update

The Avian Influenza Coordinating Committee has revised the current risk level to Moderate. There is 1 active Primary Control Zone (Security zones) in Alberta. The CFIA recently released its revised separation of IP policy, which was sent to producers. It is strongly encouraged that producers review the criteria and consider how it might apply to their farm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 20** | Calgary Regional Meeting
- June 21** | Edmonton Regional Meeting
- June 22** | Grande Prairie Regional Meeting
- June 27** | Lethbridge Regional Meeting
- June 29** | 2023 QE2 Transfer Date
- July 3** | Office closed in lieu of Canada Day
- July 6** | 2023 QE3 Sales Deadline
- July 7-16** | Calgary Stampede
- July 13** | Office closed in the afternoon for a staff team building event
- July 19** | EFA Board Meeting

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Missed a recent webinar? You can watch the recordings of past webinars on the producer portal >
<https://portal.eggs.ab.ca/producer-portal/learning-portal/webinars-and-eggbites>



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Healthy Farms

Emergency Plan Example

A fellow egg producer has graciously offered their emergency plan to be used as an example for how some of the different emergency scenarios could be handled on farm. This emergency plan example has been added to the producer portal under Farm Programs > “Calendar records and policies for signature”. Please note that the emergency contact list will also need to be filled out to meet the emergency plan requirements for the Revised Animal Care Program.



Farm Security Reminder

With summer just around the corner, 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 Healthy Farms section of the producer website. 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!

Egg Joke

What do you call an egg white with cowboy boots?

A Western Omelette!



Healthy Birds

Euthanasia Plan Clarification & Electric Stunning Standard Operating Procedure Availability

Since the launch of the Revised Animal Care Program, the following clarification has been made for content that needs to be added in the producer's Depopulation Euthanasia Template:

- Number of birds to be depopulated
- Estimated duration, start, and end time
- Note if application of euthanasia is done in rounds (ex: over a period of two days)



These details can be added under the following section:

- Other relevant procedure details (e.g. continuous monitoring procedures, preventing operator fatigue where applicable, etc.)

Additionally, for producers that perform in-barn (or near the barn facility) electrical stunning, an Electrical Stunning Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) template has been added to the producer portal. Please note that this SOP is incomplete and requires producers to fill out the amperage for the stunning knife as well as obtain sign off from a qualified expert.

Special Temporary Market Requirement Quota (STMRQ)

Due to the ongoing impact of the Avian Influenza, there is an immediate need to increase the processing supply in Canada and therefore we are working with EFC to issue STMRQ quota to producers who:

- Have a flock near the end of lay (scheduled depopulation up to December 30, 2023);
- Have the ability to extend that flock (currently in good production and flock health);
- Have the ability to accommodate both flocks on their farm, i.e. producers have a decommissioned barn or unused room that could be put back into production which qualify under the Start-Clean, Stay-Clean® and Animal Care Program.
- Able to house the quota in a dedicated barn.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Erin Johnston via email at erin.johnston@eggs.ab.ca or via phone at 403-250-1197 ext. 127.



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Heat Stress Insurance

Mutual FarmPROTECT™ is an example of an insurance policy that provides coverage on heat stress for poultry producers. The heat stress insurance provides coverage for poultry in the event of loss or damage to poultry from heat stress. However, there is a list of criteria that must be met for this coverage to be provided. This includes:

- Having a fully functioning and operating automatic backup generator sufficient in size for its intended purpose
- Automatic backup generator is serviced annually and a maintenance log is kept
- Testing of the automatic backup generator is conducted every 30 days and a test log is kept
- There is one of three available:
 - Permanently installed and operating monitored alarm system with heat sensors
 - Permanently installed and operating climate control system capable of cooling and heating the facility via: misters, cooling pads with adequate water supply, or tunnel ventilation

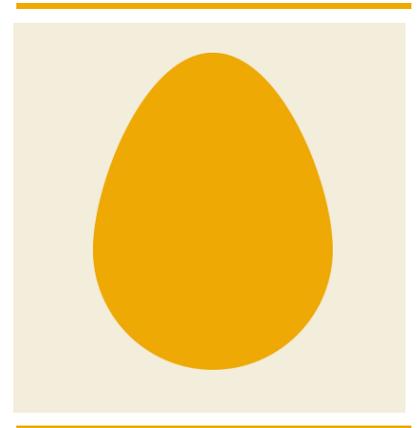
As hot temperatures are becoming a more frequent occurrence in Alberta, Egg Farmers of Alberta is curious to know if producers have heat stress insurance coverage? If so, with what insurance company and what does the coverage entail and require? Are producers contemplating heat stress coverage – why or why not?

To facilitate this discussion, a forum has been created on the producer portal where producers can tell us and each other more about their findings and rationale for heat stress insurance coverage.

Healthy Eggs

Alternative Disinfectant Options

At the request of the Salmonella Response Committee an Alternative Disinfectant Options resource has been added to the producer portal. This resource focuses on fumigation, foaming, and fogging, looking at the differences between the three options, some suggested chemicals that are used, and potential service providers. To find this resource on the portal visit the Farmer Resources section under the Learning & Education page.



Classified Ads

Poultry Equipment for Sale!

- Big dutchman flat chains feed drives and corners
- Egg gathering equipment for big dutchman conventional cages
- End manure drives big dutchman

If interested, please contact Joe at 403-323-7705

Looking to purchase eggs!

- I carve and decorate all types of eggs. I am interested in a variety of domestic bird's eggs - from Quail to Ostrich.

If you have eggs for sale, please reach out to Darlene Kokotailo with Authentic Egg Artistry at 403-801-2425 or darlenekokotailo@shaw.ca

Are you selling equipment that you would like featured here?

Contact Tate O'Dwyer, EFA's Marketing & Social Media Coordinator at 587-391-6122 and your ad could be in the next month's edition! Classified ads are also located on the Classified forums section of the Producer Portal.



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Healthy Communities

Mental Health Resources Reminder

With the warmer temperatures comes inherent stress and concerns in the agriculture community. Producers are faced with several challenges that elicit stress from the hustle of seeding as a result of a slow spring thaw, to the looming increased risk of Avian Influenza that comes with spring migration, to the wildfires that are causing evacuations and poor air quality.



Egg Farmers of Alberta (EFA) would like to remind producers of the mental health resources that are available on the producer website under the Healthy Communities > Mental Health pillar. On the EFA website you will find information handouts on addiction, anxiety, depression, and suicide, a list of Alberta mental health services and contacts, a mental health workbook to work through stressors, a list of physical symptoms that can be caused by stress, as well as a meeting report from the National Symposium for Mental Health. Additionally, we have provided links to two other mental health resource websites. AgKnow is an Alberta based Mental Health Network and Buddy Up is a Canadian initiative to provide men with peer support.

The following are links to both these websites:

<https://www.agknow.ca/>

<https://www.buddyup.ca/>

If you or someone you know is struggling with your mental health, we encourage you to review these resources and reach out to the appropriate contacts as needed. These supports are happy to help you during this challenging spring season.

Calgary Stampede - Egg Ambassador Shifts

This a friendly reminder that we are still looking for shifts to be filled for our booth at the Calgary Stampede. If you are interested in working, please reach out to Tate O'Dwyer - EFA's Marketing and Social Media Coordinator, for more details at tate.odwyer@eggs.ab.ca.



Agricultural Clean Technology Program

EFA would like to reminder interested producers to submit their applications to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for the Agricultural Clean Technology Program (ACT). As a refresher this program is to support the purchase and installation of commercially available clean technology or equipment upgrades that will reduce greenhouse gas, fertilizer, and methane emissions. For more information on the program, eligibility, funding, application process, and project priorities, please visit: <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricultural-clean-technology-adoption-stream>. The deadline for applications is Thursday, June 22, 2023.



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Marketing Highlights

Here's a snapshot of some recent highlights in the marketing world!



Egg Myth's vs Facts!



Check out a recent post that we helped developed content for Alberta on the Plate (one of our partnerships), all about common egg myth's and facts at <https://www.instagram.com/abontheplate/>

Mountain View Aggie Days



EFA had a booth at Mountain View Aggie Days in Cremona, Alberta on June 9th and 10th. Friday saw over 450 kids at the event, learned about eggs, and got silly puttys. Saturday had a turnout of 1,500!

Have you listened to The Cracked Egg podcast?



Listen to our most recent episode, where we spoke with Bruce Richardson with Burnbrae Farms, eggs.ab.ca/podcast



Happy Father's Day on June 18!

