

B.C. POULTRY INDUSTRY BIOSECURITY/EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGIC PLAN

NOTICE TO INDUSTRY #2 *May 8, 2006*

Background

The BC Poultry Industry Advisory Management Committee (IAMC) is tasked with implementing the Biosecurity/Emergency Response Strategic Plan and associated projects which will help to prevent or limit the impact of Avian Influenza and other diseases in the poultry industry. Funding for this initiative has been provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) – Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Program (ACAAF) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. Funding is administered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF). The current Strategic Plan is approved to June 30, 2006 and a revised strategic and work plan will be developed for the period July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.

BCPA Sub Committees

Reporting to the IAMC are two BC Poultry Association (BCPA) sub-committees who are working to implement the projects in the strategic plan, with two main goals of enhancing biosecurity protocols and implementing emergency response plans for the poultry industry.

BCPA Biosecurity Committee Progress

The BCPA Biosecurity Committee is directing the development of a mandatory and auditable biosecurity program that includes awareness and education, audit, compliance, reporting and financial assistance components, for the BC poultry industry.

The primary components of the draft biosecurity program have been developed and were approved by the IAMC on May 4, 2006, in Abbotsford. Biosecurity Committee representatives will be meeting with producers in late May or early June to provide the draft program and gather their input. Further development of the program will continue to take place until the fall of 2006. Once the program is finalized and approved (this is expected to happen in September 2006), implementation and funding assistance information will be available.

BCPA Biosecurity Committee Members

Ray Nickel	BC Poultry Association
Calvin Breukelman	BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Assn.
Allen James	BC Poultry Association.
Ken Falk	BC Speciality Bird Producers' Assn.
Rick Thiessen,	BC Chicken Growers' Assn.
Dion Wiebe	BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers' Assn.
Chris den Hertog	BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission
Angela McKee	BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission
Jack Vaandrager	BC Egg Marketing Board
Dave Dyble	Animal Nutrition Assoc. of Canada, BC Division
Dr. Merv Wetzstein	Ministry of Agriculture & Lands
Steve Heppel	BC Turkey Growers' Assn.
Elise Legendre	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Dr. Daniel Schwartz	Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Stew Paulson	Ministry of Agriculture & Lands
Derek Janzen	BC Egg Producers' Assn.
Mr. Ron Kilmury	BC Chicken Marketing Board
Dr. Neil Ambrose	BC Primary Poultry Processors Assn.

BCPA Emergency Response Committee Progress

The BCPA Emergency Response Committee has developed a framework for the Poultry Industry Emergency Response Plan and terms of reference to recruit contractors to develop and implement the plan. It is expected to have the contractor/s in place by mid to late June. While the recruitment process is happening, the committee is working to produce an interim emergency response plan, building on experience gained from involvement in previous Avian Influenza (AI) events.

BCPA Emergency Response Committee Members

Ray Nickel	BC Poultry Association
Allen James	BC Poultry Association
David Taylor	BC Egg Marketing Board
Derek Janzen	BC Egg Producers Association
Dion Wiebe	BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers Association
Ken Falk	BC Specialty Bird Association
Pat Huestis	BC Turkey Association
Les Burn	BC Turkey Marketing Board
Dr. Victoria Bowes	Animal Health Laboratory, Ministry of Agriculture & Lands
Elise Legendre	Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

Contracting Opportunities

Contracting opportunities for this initiative will be advertised on industry and association web sites and those of the Investment Agriculture Foundation (<http://www.iafbc.ca/>) and B.C. Agriculture Council (<http://www.bcac.bc.ca/>). B.C. Institute of Agrologists and industry and association mailing lists may also be used.

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