



B.C. POULTRY INDUSTRY BIOSECURITY PROGRAM

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Regulated poultry producers within British Columbia can now access the BC Poultry Biosecurity Program

Mandatory Poultry Biosecurity Standards will come into effect in the near future and it is anticipated that within 12 months a Biosecurity Certificate of Compliance will be required by the relevant Board or Commission on all regulated poultry farms.

To assist producers to comply with the mandatory standards, producers can participate in the BC Poultry Biosecurity Program. This is a voluntary program that allows producers to access the services of a Biosecurity Planning Advisor at no cost. These individuals (see over) are contracted by the BC Poultry Association through the BC Agriculture Council and are available to assist producers to be well prepared for a biosecurity audit.

Planning Advisors can assist producers with one or more pre-audit biosecurity planning exercises that will help to identify any biosecurity gaps on the farm. Biosecurity deficiencies that need to be addressed in order to meet the mandatory standards will be eligible for cost shared funding (30%) up to a maximum of \$5,000 for each controlled access zone identified. Planning Advisors will also provide producers with information on the possibility of funding for the enhanced biosecurity measures and can deliver the Environmental Farm Plan to those producers who may be interested.

Program eligibility is based on the number of controlled access zones that a producer has. The "controlled access zone" constitutes the area of a farm that is treated as a single biosecure area with one controlled access. Producers with more than one controlled access zone will be eligible for a biosecurity plan and cost shared funding for each controlled access zone.

The BC Poultry Biosecurity Program is one part of an industry strategy that is designed to address the risks associated with Avian Influenza and other potential disease outbreaks in the poultry industry. Funding for the various initiatives is being provided by Agriculture and Agric-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).

Please note that program funding is limited and producers wishing to participate in the program are advised to make an appointment with a Planning Advisor listed on the next page at their earliest convenience.

More information including a program brochure, a detailed program document, the Program Planning Workbook and the Poultry Biosecurity Reference Guide is available on the BCAC web site. Go to www.bcac.bc.ca and follow the links to the Poultry Biosecurity program.

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