



## **B.C. POULTRY INDUSTRY BIOSECURITY PROGRAM**

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#### **1. AI Remains a Risk!**

##### *DEPOPULATION OF BIRDS COMPLETE AT SASKATCHEWAN FARM*

*OTTAWA, October 3, 2007 - The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has completed the humane depopulation of birds on the farm in Saskatchewan where highly pathogenic H7N3 avian influenza was detected last week.*

*CFIA's actions are consistent with international scientific recommendations and guidelines and significant experience in previous avian influenza detections and training exercises. The birds were euthanized with carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) gas and are being buried in a remote area of the property approved for this purpose by provincial authorities. Normal decomposition of the bird carcass following burial effectively deactivates the avian influenza virus and respects provincial environmental regulations and internationally accepted disease control and biocontainment guidelines.*

*The next step will be the cleaning and disinfection of all barns, vehicles, equipment and tools on the property. This is necessary to remove any infected material that may remain and prevent a possible reoccurrence of the disease. Providing that no new cases of infection are found in the area, the producer will be able to introduce new birds onto the property after cleaning and disinfection have been completed. CFIA will then monitor these newly placed birds for any evidence of the disease following their introduction.*

**Avian influenza has not gone away! Producers are encouraged to adopt biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of future AI and other infectious disease outbreaks.**

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## **2. Program Update:**

As of September 30, BC Poultry Biosecurity Program Planning Advisors had completed a total of 252 Biosecurity Plans (Broilers 165, Eggs 34, Hatching Eggs 29, Turkey 24). This represents approximately one third of regulated poultry farms in the province. Twenty-eight Beneficial Biosecurity Practice (BBP) applications have been approved for a total program contribution of \$82,275 and seven applications for Enhanced Beneficial Biosecurity Practices (EBBPs) have been approved for a total potential future program contribution of \$12,600. Funding of EBBPs is dependent upon funds remaining after funding of Beneficial Biosecurity Practices. Producers are eligible to apply for 30% cost share funding to undertake biosecurity measures (BBPs) to a maximum of \$5,000 per Controlled Access Zone (CAZ). Ample program funding remains available. EBBPs are eligible for 30% cost share funding to a maximum of \$2,000 per CAZ. Funding Applications can be obtained from Planning Advisors.

## **3. Standard Operating Procedures:**

Mandatory Standard #17 requires that SOPs for on-farm biosecurity must be available.

Rationale: Standard operating procedures recognize that biosecurity is an on-going activity and provide processes for maintaining biosecurity standards and assist with biosecurity training.

Interpretive Guidelines:

Standard operating procedures will include but not be limited to:

- Self quarantine procedures.
- Farm access policies that include both visitors and technical service personnel.
- Primary and secondary access maintenance scheduling.
- Cleaning and decontamination site operation and maintenance.
- Controlled Access Zone housekeeping procedures.
- Ante room procedures and housekeeping.
- Building cleaning and disinfection procedures.
- Pest control program.
- Biosecurity training approach.
- Mortality disposal procedures.
- Manure management strategies.
- Scheduling for the review and updating of standard operating procedures.

Planning Advisors have been providing producers with templates for completing Standard Operating Procedures. Producers are reminded that these templates need to be adapted to their farm operations if they want to successfully complete their Biosecurity Audits. An overview of the Biosecurity Standards and the customized Standard Operating procedures form the basis for training of producers, farm managers and full time farm staff.

## **4. Dispute Resolution**

The BCPA Biosecurity Committee has established a dispute resolution Sub-committee. The Sub-committee responds to producer requests for assistance. It has a mandate to review funding applications that were not supported, review audit disputes and resolve issues that may develop between a producer and Planning Advisor. Please be advised that there is a limited period of time during which the Committee can respond to disputes. For more information please visit the BCAC website ([www.bcac.bc.ca](http://www.bcac.bc.ca)) or contact one of the Program Coordinators.

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## **5. Automatic Gates**

Producers are reminded that two styles of automated gates (ranging from \$2,200 - \$ 3,300) can be purchased from Ron Pankonin at 877-795-3279.

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More information including a program brochure, a detailed program document, the Program Planning Workbook, the Poultry Biosecurity Reference Guide and funding assistance applications are available on the BCAC web site. Go to [www.bcac.bc.ca](http://www.bcac.bc.ca) and follow the links to the Poultry Biosecurity program.

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