

## Chicken Primary Processing Sector

Date	Time	Location
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Wednesday October 1, 2025	10AM – 3:30PM	Westin Hotel, Calgary Bow Valley Room (Lower level)
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Purpose of Meeting
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Regular Chicken Sector Meeting

Title	Name
Chair	Michael Burrows
Staff contact	Nicolas Paillat ( <a href="mailto:nicolas@cpep-tvoc.ca">nicolas@cpep-tvoc.ca</a> )
Guest(s)	Open session only: FPCC, CFC, AAFC, CBSA, associate members

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MS Teams Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/CPEPChicken20251001>

Lunch will be provided.

Hospitality Suite: Room 1222

WIFI Network: Westin Meetings

WIFI Password: CPEP

Agenda Item	Time	Attachment	Type			Presenter
Chicken Sector Meeting – October 2025			Information	Discussion	Decision	
<b>Open Session</b>						
1. Welcome / Call to order / Introductions	10:00am		•			Michael
2. Adoption of the agenda					•	Michael
3. Approval of June 9 and June 10, 2025 meeting minutes		#3			•	Michael
4. Action Plan from previous meetings		#4	•			Nicolas
5. CFC Update	10:10am		•	•		CFC
6. Animal Welfare						
a) JAWWG Update	10:15am	#6	•	•		Skyler/Carol
b) FPT Recognition						
7. Market Conditions and A-200 allocation setting	10:30am		•	•		Mengrou/Nicolas
8. Fowl imports	10:45am		•	•		Nicolas/CBSA
9. CFC MD program Compliance	11:15am	#9.1-9.3	•	•		CFC/Nicolas
10. Provincial Live Price update	11:45am	#10	•	•		All
11. Adjournment of open session	12:00pm				•	Michael
<b>Session for processor members only</b>						
<b>Lunch</b>						
12. CFC MD Program						
a) Extension when dealing with FAD/HPAI	1:00pm		•	•	•	Nicolas
b) Other						
13. BC Live Price Decision	1:15pm	#13	•	•		Blair/Nicolas
14. Inflection Point Project	1:30pm		•	•		Steering Committee
15. CPEP CPP-FPPAC	2:30pm		•	•		Mark
16. Sector Governance Rules	3:00pm	#16	•	•	•	Nicolas
17. New member application	3:15pm	#17	•	•	•	Nicolas
18. Other						
19. Review of action items and decisions	3:25pm		•			Nicolas
20. Adjournment	3:30pm				•	Michael



September 5, 2025

Minister Heath MacDonald  
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
1341 Baseline Road, Tower 7  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C5

**Re: Federal Provincial Territorial Recognition Protocol for Animal Care Programs**

Dear Minister MacDonald,

Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors is the national association representing chicken and turkey processors, hatcheries and egg graders and processors. Our members process more than 90% of production in these sectors. As you are aware, we work closely with chicken, turkey and egg producers – our partners in the poultry and egg sector – to provide Canadians with the highest quality products from a trusted Canadian poultry and egg supply chain.

We know that Canada's chicken farmers, in the interest of Canadians, are committed to providing assurances that their farms meet the highest standards of animal welfare. Since 2009, Chicken Farmers of Canada has had a third-party audited, mandatory Animal Care Program in place in all provinces. This program presents to key audiences one program, at the national level, reflecting Canada's stringent animal care requirements for farms nationwide. It is firmly rooted in credible, science-based principles, drawing from the robust framework established by the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys. The Code was developed by the National Farm Animal Care Council and includes animal care requirements and recommended practices, based on research and scientific review.

CPEP is supportive of CFC's efforts recommending a federal-provincial-territorial (FPT) recognition protocol for animal care programs, similar to the successful on-farm food safety recognition protocol that Chicken Farmers of Canada implemented in 2013. We are aware that CFC has also been working with other national partners in support of this recommendation. Recognizing strong and well-established programs such as the *Raised by a Canadian Farmer Animal Care Program* through a FPT protocol would strengthen consumer and public confidence in Canadian animal agriculture. CFC has shared research indicating that 91% of Canadians support a FPT government-recognized animal care program.

The development of animal care standards rests largely with provinces and territories. An FPT recognition protocol regarding the CFC's *Animal Care Program* would not see this change. Rather, it would simply provide further assurance to the public and consumers, that under Canada's chicken supply management system, licensed farmers are obliged to follow a rigorous

and mandatory set of animal care standards, which are designed to ensure a high standard of chicken welfare throughout the production process.

To bolster Canadians' strong trust in chicken producers regarding animal care, CPEP supports the recommendation that an FPT recognition protocol for the *Animal Care Program* be considered by Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Hubert', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Hubert  
President & CEO

cc:

Lawrence Hanson, Deputy Minister

Michael Laliberte, Executive Director, CFC



**[This letter is being sent on behalf of the Chicken Primary Processing sector of CPEPC]**

September 5, 2025

*Sent by email*

Yves Ruel  
Associate Executive Director  
Chicken Farmers of Canada  
1610-50 O'Connor Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 6L2

**Re: Market Development Program and Mature Chicken**

Dear Yves,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide suggestions to ensure compliance with the Market Development Program (MDP) particularly regarding the exclusion of mature chicken products.

The MDP is a critical tool for the Canadian chicken sector. The program ensures that processors are able to supply Canadian consumers with the product they want. MDP is used by some processors on a regular basis, period after period, and is an essential part of their business model. The program generates significant economic activity for hatcheries, producers, processors and their customers. It is extremely important, particularly in the current context, to ensure there is no disruption to Canadian producers who are committed to chicken production for the MDP; to processors' supply; or to customers that are serviced by the MDP.

CPEP and its members fully support a rigorous verification system to ensure compliance with MDP. Section 7.5.a of the CFC's Market Development Policy clearly states that products from mature chicken are not eligible for MD quota. All processors using the MDP should be aware of this important component of the program.

We believe that some changes can be made to strengthen compliance, and the strong traceability system in the chicken processing industry can be used to ensure this compliance. For instance, processors have segregation systems in place to deal with products coming from HPAI control zones and this strong system gives the assurance to CFIA and our trading partners that only products from outside of HPAI control zones are being exported. Traceability and segregation are essential to ensuring that only products from young chickens are considered against MD commitments.

We have initiated discussions with CFIA regarding the possibility of having CFIA staff confirm that exported products are derived from young chickens. As this is not a regulatory requirement for the domestic market nor for most export markets, we will require more time to find a process that will be acceptable to CFIA, and will continue to work with CFIA to find a solution.

In the meantime, here are some suggestions that could be implemented quickly to guarantee that products from mature chickens are not included against MD commitments:

1. Applicant's declaration

Applicants should sign a form confirming that no products from mature chicken are included in the exports under the MDP quota.

Turkey Farmers of Canada (TFC) have a similar export program and the same requirement exists regarding mature turkeys. TFC added a form to be signed by applicants almost 10 years ago to strengthen the verification of the program.

It is an easy addition that provides an additional level of verification.

2. Third Party Auditable Declaration (Section 7.4.f.vii of the MDP)

According to Section 7.4.f.vii of the CFC MDP, a third-party auditable declaration is required regarding the weight and the product categories. We propose to expand the scope of the auditable declaration to confirm that only products from young chickens (so excluding mature chicken products) are included against MD commitments.

3. Penalties

We also propose to add severe penalties when mature chicken products are included against MD commitments.

As noted above, the Chicken Primary Processing Sector will continue working with CFIA to explore the possibility of having CFIA confirm that no products from mature chickens are included in exported products that are intended for the MDP. We are also committed to working with CFC to strengthen the verification system for MDP to ensure that the program can continue to be a successful tool in the success of the entire chicken sector supply chain.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Nicolas Paillat  
Director, Chicken and Turkey Primary Processing Sectors

c.c.: CPEP Chicken Primary Processors

## CPEP Chicken Live Price Report

Ontario Live Price	A-198	A-197	Difference
Average Feed Price (\$/Kg)	0.475	0.485	-0.010
Feed Conversion Ratio	1.573	1.573	0.000
<b>Feed Cost</b>	<b>0.747</b>	<b>0.763</b>	<b>-0.016</b>
Chick price (\$/Chick)*	1.096	1.093	0.003
Chick Conversion Ratio	0.467	0.465	0.002
<b>Chick Cost</b>	<b>0.512</b>	<b>0.508</b>	<b>0.004</b>
Energy	0.066	0.066	0.000
Repair & Maintenance	0.020	0.020	0.000
Property Taxes & Insurance	0.025	0.025	0.000
Office & Overhead	0.031	0.031	0.000
Contract Services	0.115	0.115	0.000
Labour - General & Management	0.166	0.166	0.000
Return on Capital	0.173	0.173	0.000
Working Capital Interest	0.001	0.001	0.000
Farm Vehicle	0.009	0.009	0.000
Depreciation	0.109	0.109	0.000
Non-feed Additives	0.005	0.005	0.000
<b>Total Operational and Capital Costs</b>	<b>0.720</b>	<b>0.720</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Total Levies and Fees</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Total Producer Margin</b>	<b>0.747</b>	<b>0.747</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Avian Influenza Disease Insurance	0.002	0.002	0.000
Modular Loading	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>ON (2.15-2.45 category) Live Price</b>	<b>2.007</b>	<b>2.019</b>	<b>-0.012</b>
ON (2.45-2.65 category) Live Price	2.027	2.039	-0.012

## A-198 Provincial Prices (\$/kg live)

	ON	BC	AB	SK	MB	QC	NB	NS
Weight Category (kg)	2.15 - 2.45	2.02-2.17	1.90-2.35		2.2 - 2.3	2.15 - 2.45		
Published Live Price \$/Kg	<b>2.007</b>	<b>2.234</b>	<b>2.109</b>	<b>2.053</b>	<b>2.055</b>	<b>2.027</b>	<b>2.111</b>	<b>2.200</b>
ON Modular Loading	0.0000							
ON AI Insurance	0.0015							
Catching paid by producers	0.0000	0.0500	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<b>Net price to producer including national and provincial levies</b>	<b>2.005</b>	<b>2.184</b>	<b>2.109</b>	<b>2.053</b>	<b>2.055</b>	<b>2.027</b>	<b>2.111</b>	<b>2.200</b>
<b>Price differential with ON</b>		<b>0.179</b>	<b>0.104</b>	<b>0.048</b>	<b>0.050</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>0.105</b>	<b>0.195</b>

\*Effective A-171, OBHECC has applied a charge of \$0.00117 per chick related to emergency depopulation services. This charge has been added to the base chick price.

