

# February Newsletter

## Annual General Meeting 2019

Alberta Chicken Producers invites you, and/or your farm designate(s), to our Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 in the Santano Room of the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer, Alberta (3310 - 50 Avenue). You are also invited to attend the Industry Reception on the evening of February 25th, which provides a great opportunity to network with fellow producers and representatives from industry.

### **FEBRUARY 25, 2019 INDUSTRY RECEPTION**

Location: Exhibition Hall

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### **FEBRUARY 26, 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Location: Santano Room

8:30 am – Registration

9:30 am - Meeting

6:00 pm - No-host cocktail hour (Monaco/Tuscany Ballroom)

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Banquet & Entertainment

For producers, please visit the [Producer Portal](#) for registration.

Included with this Newsletter are the following documents:

- Guest AGM Registration Form (Electronic Form)
- Producer AGM Registration Form (Electronic Form)
- Proposed Agenda and Supporting Documents
- February 27, 2018 AGM Meeting Minutes
- 2018 Annual Report
- Certificate of Appointed Representative and Statutory Declaration
- 2019 Nomination Forms & Producer & Director Roles and Responsibilities

### **Director Elections:**

One Director position is open for election this year:

Jason Born completes his second three-year term and will be running for re-election.

To nominate a fellow producer, please complete the enclosed Board of Director Nomination Form and return it to the ACP Board Office. Alternatively, nominations may also be accepted from the floor on the day of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

If you are an Authorized Officer of a Corporation, Partnership, or Unincorporated Organization, and wish to send an Appointed Representative to vote on your behalf, complete a Certificate of Appointed Representative Form and return to the Board Office prior to February 22, 2019.

You are invited to join us for the fifth annual Western Poultry Conference at the Sheraton Red Deer. Conveniently placed the day before the Alberta Poultry Industry Annual General Meeting, the Western Poultry Conference is packed with practical information for all poultry producers!

**Registration opens at 8:00am and the program begins at 9:00am. The program will end by 4:30pm to allow delegates to attend the industry reception of the Alberta Poultry Industry meetings at 5pm.**

**Whole Barn Gassing (Dr. Mike Petrik, McKinley Hatchery)** *Disease, natural disaster, and end of lay depopulation are conditions where poultry may need to be humanely destroyed on farm. Whole barn gassing is an acceptable method of on-farm euthanasia. Learn the process and practical tips if you are considering this method on your farm.*

**Mental Health Awareness in the Farming Community (Briana Hagen, University of Guelph, Sean Stanford, Twisted Iron Farming)** *Mental health is becoming better recognized as important part of farming and day to day health. A topic once stigmatized is now being talked about more openly. By being open minded, together we can change perceptions and create positive action. Learn what to watch for and how you can make a difference with the mental health of your family, friends, or even yourself.*

**Becoming a Champion of Industry (Andrew Campbell, Fresh Air Media / Bellson Farms)** *What happens when the way we farm is questioned? Or when the supply managed system we operate in comes under intense scrutiny? How do we prevent people from falling for the hype? Take charge, and find out how to turn perception and propaganda around into meaningful conversations that can have lasting impacts. It may be out of your comfort zone, but these communication tools are vital for the continued success of our industry.*

**Antibiotic Alternatives in a RWA World – Medium Chain Fatty Acids (Dr. David Hermans, Nuscience, Belgium)** *Promoting and maintaining good gut health in your birds is essential as antibiotic use is reduced within the poultry industry. Medium Chain Fatty Acids (MCFA) are known to have antimicrobial properties. This presentation will discuss how MCFA work to promote good gut health.*

**Generating Energy Efficiency (Kelly Lund, Alberta Agriculture & Forestry)** *Managing energy use more efficiently on your farm can result in cost savings, energy conservation, and ultimately, reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Kelly will be discussing various methods for reducing your energy usage.*

**Stress, Gut Health, and Pathogen Production (AAFC – Lethbridge).** *New research in Alberta broilers is showing clear links between stress and growth of gut pathogens such as Campylobacter. Hear thoughts on these relationships and on what is being done to prepare our industry for optimizing gut health to help reduce the need for antibiotics.*

**Be Seen Be Safe Live Demonstration** *We are familiar with the visitor logging aspect of Be Seen Be Safe, but have not seen the real power of the program – tracing potential disease spread. See a live demonstration of a simulated disease spreading across Alberta farms!*

**Plus more!**

**To Register:** Visit [www.westernpoultryconference.ca](http://www.westernpoultryconference.ca) Tickets are \$119 / person.



## Sponsorship Opportunities Available for the Alberta Poultry Conference

For more information please contact:

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## Trade

Representatives of the provincial poultry and dairy industries were invited by the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future to make submissions regarding the impacts of the Canada-US-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA). On January 31, 2019, Alberta Hatching Egg Producers, Alberta Chicken Producers, Maple Leaf Foods, Sofina Foods Inc., and Sunrise Farms submitted a joint presentation to the Standing Committee, highlighting the impacts of the Canada-US-Mexico (CUSMA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Agreements on the Alberta economy, Alberta communities, and on our hatcheries, processors and family chicken and broiler breeder farms.

## Producer Leadership Development Workshop

ACP's Producer Leadership Development Workshop is held every other year. While the workshops have traditionally been held in the winter months, ACP is planning to hold the 2019 workshop in the fall to utilize resources that will be available through Marketing Council later this year. Please stay tuned for more details throughout the year, and feel free to contact Karen Kirkwood directly if you have any questions.



# AGRICULTURE SET-UP COORDINATOR NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

**Alberta Chicken Producers requires  
an agricultural set-up coordinator  
for Southern Alberta Events.**

The Agricultural Events Set-Up Coordinator is an integral part of the Alberta Chicken Producers Volunteer Program. We require an individual to agree to set-up the chick pen, arrange for delivery or pick-up of chicks from a Hatchery, arrange for feed, shavings etc., for the "Agriculture Event".

An honorarium of \$300.00 is paid per event and up to \$75.00/day for meals, with supporting receipts, to manage and set-up the display booth at Agricultural Events throughout the province. An additional \$100.00 honorarium will be paid for each shift worked by this individual.

For more information or to submit your name as a candidate, please contact Maria Leslie at [mleslie@chicken.ab.ca](mailto:mleslie@chicken.ab.ca) or 780-465-6195

## Canadian Agriculture Day – Feb. 12

As you know, Canada's Agriculture Day is next week on February 12th and Chicken Farmers of Canada is looking forward to celebrating! As a part of their social media strategy for this year, they'd love to share real stories from our farmers on how they are celebrating Canadian Agriculture Day. But in order for this to happen, they will need your help!

If you are posting about Canadian Agriculture Day, please use the hashtag #IHeartChickenFarmers in addition to #CdnAgDay or tag CFC in your post! Their goal is to highlight our farmers throughout the day, bringing a face to chicken farming in Canada.



## Chicken Farmers of Canada's Animal Care Program wins Prestigious Grand Prix Award

The DUX Eat Better, Live Better program was created by Edikom, a leading communications firm in the food industry. It was created initially in Quebec, to recognize Quebec-based companies that contribute to healthier diets.

Soon after, it was expanded out to the rest of Canada, and includes the participation of several national food organizations and companies.

The program is a vast movement of leaders who seek to improve their products, the environment and dietary choices to promote health and wellness among their communities. When the program started in 2011, it only targeted companies. It now rewards players in the agrifood sector for their health-focused innovations, and contributions to agriculture that deliver on consumer expectations.

Within that framework, there is the DUX Grand Prix Awards to publicly honour action and innovation by recognizing leaders in agriculture, in healthy nutrition, in education and in consumer understanding.

Every year, the DUX Grand Prix Awards highlight leadership in agribusinesses, non-profits, institutions and commercial firms outside the food industry that made innovations leading to better food choices. During the DUX Gala, over 20 awards are presented in these three board categories: Products, Communications and Projects. The jury is composed of some thirty personalities who have diverse expertise in health promotion and agri-food industry (with a minimum of 8 people per category). Nominees position their organizations as leaders in the industry through initiatives encouraging healthy eating habits and meeting consumer needs.

(FYI, “Dux” comes from the Latin for “leader.”)

In mid-December, the *Raised by a Canadian Farmer Animal Care Program* was entered the Grand Prix Awards for 2019 and featured for its innovation in the *Producer (Technology and New Farming Practices)* category.

About two weeks ago, it was announced that CFC was named a finalist in the awards.

At a gala dinner last night, it was announced that CFC won the award!

This is a great announcement for CFC, as it gives our program and our brand additional credibility in the eyes of consumers, foodservice and government. It goes beyond simple bragging rights – this is a renowned award that we can promote when talking about the programs that make the *Raised by a Canadian Farmer* brand so unique and the optimal choice for our partners to promote as well.

CFC will be issuing a press release next week, and is currently featuring the news on its social media channels.

Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work!



CFC Chair, Benoit Fontaine accepted the DUX Grand Prix Award for innovation in the Producer (Technology and New Farming Practices) category on behalf on CFC



## New Alberta Trucking Regulation - Class 1 Licensing

As of March 1<sup>st</sup> new trucking regulations will come into effect in Alberta requiring increased curriculum and training requirements for new drivers, and it may have an impact on farm registered vehicles.

Attached is a briefing note adapted from the original provided by the Alberta Canola Producers Commission.

## Health & Safety Producer Grant Program

The Farm Health and Safety Producer Grant Program offers financial support, subject to financial constraints, to eligible employers (must have waged, non-family workers and a WCB account) for eligible costs to improve health and safety in their operations and help them comply with the OH&S Code that takes effect on December 1, 2018. The program is now open and accepting applications.

Eligible applicants may apply for financial support for up to 50 percent of costs for eligible expenses identified in the applicable Funding List. Eligible applicants may submit a maximum of two applications per fiscal year. For more information on eligible applicants and expenses, funding maximums and other terms and conditions, please review the attached documents and visit: <https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv482>

## Revised Animal Care Program: Impact on how Euthanasia Method and Training is Evaluated

Now that the updated Animal Care Program has gone into effect, there have been questions about documentation of your primary and secondary euthanasia methods and questions about how you document training of staff on methods. Please note that while the farm may have a primary and secondary method documented, this may differ by staff member. For example, some farms will have a limited number of barn staff that routinely perform euthanasia, while remaining staff are still trained on how to do it if absolutely necessary. This can work as long as you have procedures for remaining staff to bring either the bird or the issue to those that will perform the euthanasia. Your OFFSP / Animal Care auditors will be checking your procedures for both your primary and secondary euthanasia method to ensure they are acceptable. Please refer to the manual for Practical Guidelines for On-Farm Euthanasia of Poultry for additional information. This can be found on the ACP website if you do not have your copy available.

Note that the documentation of euthanasia training and an animal care Code of Conduct extends to your catching crews as well. For larger catching companies or companies attached to your processor, you can get a letter of attestation describing the standards employees are subject to and the training they receive. For those that hire their own catchers, proof of training will be required. You will already have this for your main barn staff and simply need to add the catching crew to your list. Your OFFSP / Animal Care auditor will want a description of how you train your catchers, how you manage euthanasia during catching, and how you oversee the process to ensure proper procedures are being followed. For farms hiring their own catchers, you can capture all of this in a Catching Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that you can add to your file of existing OFFSP and Animal Care program SOPs.



## Upcoming Meetings and Events

Feb. 12: Board Conference Call  
Feb. 20-21: CFC Provincial Board Managers Meeting  
Feb. 25: Western Poultry Conference  
Feb. 26: Annual General Meeting  
Mar. 6: Board Meeting and Director Orientation  
Mar. 19-21: CFC Meeting  
Apr. 4: Board Meeting

# Producer Classifieds

## Quota Wanted

8,000 - 10,000 quota units  
Call Paul Walters at 780-978-6381

## For Sale

Weight Tronix On Farm Feedmill - Computer Controlled, 1mt mixer, 10hp hammer mill, 10 micro bins, 4" augers, single phase, 2" blower, easily save \$50/mt.  
Ziggy Waterlines - 6X250'  
Power Winches  
Contact Andrew at 403-559-9626

## Wanted- Used Equipment for Barn Renovation

Fans 2-24"  
2-36"  
2-48"  
2-60"  
6 Stirfans  
154 Air Inlets  
2 Feed Bins preferably 20 ton or bigger  
Call Trevor at 780-781-4140

