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Board of Directors Update

Your Board of Directors would like to thank their fellow egg farmers, government and industry representatives, for the fantastic turnout at the 43rd Annual General Meeting, which was held on February 28th in Red Deer. The Board would like to thank management and staff for all their efforts in organizing such an excellent event!

This year the Board welcomes Ben Waldner, from Byemoor Colony, and Muneer Gilani, from Sparks Farm Egg Supplies, as new Directors. We are pleased to announce that Ben Waldner has also been elected to be the new Chairman of EFA’s Board of Directors. Joe Kleinsasser will continue in his role as Vice Chairman. Andrew Wipf and Amin Valji will also continue in their roles as EFC Director and EFC Alternate, respectively. Oh behalf of EFA staff and Board, we would like to thank outgoing Directors Michael Froese, EFA’s past Chairman, and Meb Gilani, for their years of outstanding service. The new Board looks forward to working with EFA staff and is eager to begin what promises to be an exciting and prosperous year.

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PURPOSE OF THE EFA

EFA exists so there will be an environment in which Alberta egg producers can thrive within the Canadian industry, at a cost that demonstrates good stewardship of resources.

EFA OFFICE HOURS

Our office will be **closed on Friday, April 6th** for Good Friday and **closed on Monday, May 21st** for Victoria Day. We hope this will not cause any inconvenience.

EGG PRICE UPDATE

Effective: from **September 4th, 2011**

Grade A

X Large	\$1.980	---
Large	\$1.980	---
Medium	\$1.760	---
Small	\$1.380	---
Nest Run	\$1.865	---
Pee Wee	\$0.270	---

Grade B \$0.750 ---

Grade C \$0.150 ---

EGGNOTES SUBSCRIPTION INFO

Do you know someone who wants to subscribe to EggNotes? Simply have them send their name, company or organization, fax number and email address to: info@eggs.ab.ca

Egg Farmers of Alberta (EFA) Name Change

As of the close of the 43rd AGM, Alberta Egg Producers (AEP) is now officially **Egg Farmers of Alberta (EFA)**! We are honored to represent the province's 150+ egg farmers, who are dedicated to providing Albertans with safe, high quality, nutritious and delicious, locally produced eggs and egg products. We hope you like our new name and new logo!

Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) Update

Levy Update

At the regional meetings in January, EFA informed producers that the levy order for January 1st, 2012 had been rejected and that any excess levy being collected in Alberta would be directed to the Provincial IP fund, until a new levy order could be filed and approved. EFC has been successful in re-submitting a new request for levy that will take effect on March 25th, 2012, in the amount of 33.75 cents per dozen.

EFA reviewed the current fund balances and the estimated expenditures until the end of the year, and determined that the preference would be to wait to reduce the levy until the Provincial IP levy required for the balance of the year could be set at zero. Accordingly, the EFA Board of Directors authorized a levy decrease that will take effect on July 1st, 2012. Producers will be receiving new levy schedules in late June, with new monthly levy amounts being amended on July 15th, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Gal at extension 124, after April 17th.

Processor Agreement

EFA are pleased to confirm that EFC and Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council (CPEPC) have reached an agreement regarding the pricing of eggs for processors. After several years of negotiations, a deal was reached which includes premiums on four market segments, with annual increments over a period of five years. This is an important accomplishment for our industry, which should bring further stability to our system. More details will be provided at the regional meetings in June.

EFC 40th Anniversary Celebration

EFA would like to congratulate EFC for 40 wonderful years of overseeing Canada's egg industry and their ongoing commitment to Canada's egg farmers. EFC celebrated this exciting milestone in style during their March meeting, with several past Chairmen in attendance to help commemorate the special occasion.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

April 11-12

Quebec AGM

April 18

Newfoundland AGM

April 23

CEIRA Annual Meeting (*Ottawa*)

April 24-26

EFC Meetings (*Ottawa*)

April 29 – May 1

Urner Barry Conference (*Las Vegas*)

May 1

EFA Board Meeting

May 7-9

UEP Legislative Meeting

May 29

WEMA Meeting

May 30

Research Committee Meeting

June 5

ARD MLA Event (*Edmonton*)

June 19

EFA Regional Meeting (*Edmonton*)

June 20

EFA Regional Meeting (*Calgary*)

June 21

EFA Regional Meeting (*Lethbridge*)

Protecting Flocks on a Multi-Species Farm

When there is more than a single species of poultry or livestock on farm, cross contamination is a risk that must be managed for the health of your animals, as well as for the safety of the food produced. Many diseases, organisms or pathogens such as Avian Influenza, Salmonella spp and E. Coli, can be passed between different types of poultry, or even different types of livestock, such as hogs or cattle.

One of the best examples of the risks of cross contamination in our industry is Salmonella Enteritidis (SE). It is a well known fact that many broiler flocks carry SE. While this is a concern for the meat bird industry, broiler flocks can still be processed and go to market. This is not the case for layer flocks, as there is a different standard, which is set at a level of "zero" for SE. Thus the risk of cross contamination increases greatly when these two types of birds are found on the same farm. When an SE positive test result is found in a layer flock, the entire flock must be destroyed or all eggs diverted to the breakers. The impact to that farm would be significant, given the economic loss and cycle disruption.

Every effort must be made to adequately separate broiler and other livestock operations from the vulnerable layer and pullet operations. This is an important consideration when planning a new barn or farm. The ideal situation is to have only one type of poultry on a farm, but that is not always a practical or realistic option. With every farm having different layouts and distance separations between species, it is difficult to create a single bio-security standard for mitigating risk. However, regardless of your farm's unique circumstance, there are steps you can take to improve the protection of your flocks if you have multiple species on your farm.

Dedicated personnel for each type of poultry and livestock operation should be seriously considered. Ideally, any workers from other operations should not have access to your layer barn(s). If someone must enter your layer barn, who has also worked in any of those other operations, it is vital that they change their coveralls and boots, and wash their hands before and after they work in your barn. Even if you and your helpers only work in the layer barn, the presence of other types of poultry or livestock on farm can result in the transmission of animal health or food safety pathogens into your barn, just by walking around the farmyard and entering the layer barn without following proper bio-security protocols. It is critical to establish and enforce proper bio-security protocols on your farm and in your layer barn.

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EGG FARMING BEST PRACTICE

As of May 8, 2012, any pullets or layers that are in a housing system with litter will require pH testing of the litter on a monthly basis, as per the Start Clean – Stay Clean™ (SC-SC) program. Note that if your ammonia levels are below 20 ppm, you are exempt from having to conduct a pH test. Here are some tips for conducting a pH test:

Walk around the area where your hens are housed and place small amounts of litter from random locations into a small plastic bag. Shake the contents and then place a pH strip into the bag. If your litter is very dry, you may need to add a small amount of distilled water, in order for the test to read. The test strip will change color. Use the color guide that comes with the pH strips to determine the pH level of the litter. Record the pH level in your SC-SC records.

If you need to order pH test strips, ammonia test paper or a moisture meter for your barn, you can order them from your local farm supply store or by calling Penner Farm Supplies in Red Deer (1-866-339-0000). The cost is approximately \$35 for a bottle with 50 pH test strips.

BIO-SECURITY TIP

Chore birds from youngest to oldest. Chore “suspect” barns last and use a separate change of protective clothing, footwear and hair covering.

Protecting Flocks..., Continued from Page 3

Here are some best practices you can implement in order to manage the risk of cross contamination when you have multiple species on farm:

1. Whenever possible, house different types of poultry in separate building envelopes, with significant distance between the facilities.
2. Have different people chore each of your different bird types, including pullets, layers, broilers, geese and ducks.
3. Avoid going through or near broiler chickens and waterfowl areas on the way to the pullet and layer barns.
4. Boots used to cross the farmyard should be left in the unrestricted area (at the entrance of your barn).
5. Ensure that all poultry and livestock mortality is disposed a safe distance away from all barns and animal housing areas.

In the coming months, EFA staff will be contacting all producers who have layers and broilers housed adjacently to one another on farm, in order to discuss options for minimizing the risk of cross contamination. If you would like to discuss how you can reduce risk on your farm, please contact Christina Robinson at extension 125.

Field Statistics Update

EFC has hired Brigit Gagne to be the new Field Inspector for Central Alberta, replacing Yvonne Potter, who is now working in Saskatchewan. Brigit will be starting on April 10th, having previously worked for the BC Egg Marketing Board as a Food Safety Program consultant and for Health Canada as a Pesticide Inspector. Brigit has a Diploma in Agriculture Technology and Bachelor of General Studies in Applied Biology, from the University of Fraser Valley. She is also a certified HACCP Auditor. Please join EFA in welcoming Brigit to Alberta!

So far in 2012, Spencer Collins has been busy completing Start Clean – Stay Clean (SC-SC) and Animal Care Program (ACP) evaluations.

- 19 SC-SC layer evaluations have been completed in 2012
 - ✓ Alberta’s average score: 99.1%
 - ✓ 5 Alberta producers have scored a perfect 100% rating
- 34 ACP evaluations have been completed in 2012
 - ✓ Alberta’s average score: 97.7%
 - ✓ 25 Alberta producers have scored a perfect 100% rating
- 12 SC-SC pullet evaluations have been completed in 2012
 - ✓ Alberta’s average score: 98.7%
 - ✓ 7 Alberta producers have scored a perfect 100% rating

EFA PRODUCER WEBSITE

Over the past two years, the Start Clean – Stay Clean (SC-SC) and Animal Care Programs have undergone a number of changes and updates, to ensure the programs reflect the current best practices in the industry. You can now find a summary of all approved program changes on the producer website, under each program's page.

Dr. Darko Mitevski, from Poultry Health Services, has developed some excellent resources for producers on Poultry Diseases and Vaccination Protocols. These resources can now be found on the producer website, in the Best Production Practices / Poultry Healthy section.

The Odour Management Plan, which helps producers identify where possible odour sources exist and provide solutions to manage odour from those sources. The document can now be found on the producer website, in the Best Production Practices / Environment section.

Please be sure to check out EFA's producer website at:

www.albertaeggproducers.ca

For a username and password, please call the AEP office.

Producer Services Update

Feed Technology Course

A great learning opportunity is available for those who want to learn more about operating a feed mill. The Cigi-ANAC Canadian Feed Technology Course will be offered April 17-19 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is the first time that this course has been offered in Canada for several years. The course is recommended for mill managers and operators, as well as anyone who is interested in enhancing their knowledge of feed production practices and innovation in the milling of finished feeds.

The course is diverse and contains practical sessions, an interactive workshop and informative presentations from various feed milling industry experts. With so many of Alberta's egg farmers mixing their own feed on farm, this course would be a great opportunity to learn more about best practices for producing the high quality feed that your hens need to produce eggs.

For more information about this course, please call the Canadian International Grains Institute at 204-983-4344 or visit the course website at cigi.ca/upcoming_programs/?event=25.

Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA) Feedback

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) is interested in engaging egg producers, to get their feedback on any concerns or issues they may have with the AOPA legislation. If you have been involved in building a new facility or renovating an existing one, or have general comments about the legislation, EFA would like to hear about your perspectives and experiences. Any feedback you provide will be anonymous.

EFA will aggregate the information to provide ARD with a general sense of how egg producers feel about AOPA. If you are interesting in providing feedback, please contact Jenna Latanville at extension 129, during the week of April 16-20.

ABOUT EGGNOTES



EggNotes is the official newsletter of the Egg Farmers of Alberta.

Submissions should be sent to:
info@eggs.ab.ca

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May 25th, 2012

Next issue of *EggNotes*:
June 7th, 2012

“YOKES” OF THE MONTH



Guaranteed to crack you up!

Q: What do you call the door to a chicken barn?

A: The hen-trance!

Q: What do you get if a chicken lays an egg on the roof?

A: An egg roll!

Research Update

Managing Feather Loss

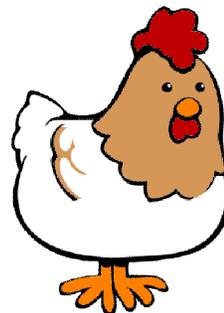
Feather loss typically results from one of two causes: the birds have reduced feather growth or they are being pulled or picked off. Recognizing the cause of the problem can help identify suggested solutions.

Lack of feather growth is usually a result of dietary deficiency in the amino acid (protein sub-unit) methionine. The feathers of birds contain high levels of methionine and without adequate levels in the diet, there will be reduced growth and feather development. A methionine deficient bird may pull feathers from its own body and attempt to eat feathers from other birds.

Most ingredients used in mixing poultry feed will not contain sufficient dietary methionine, so manufactured methionine must be added. Purchased poultry feed should contain added methionine in sufficient quantities. However, if additional grains are fed with the complete feed, then the amount of methionine consumed by the birds may not actually be enough for proper feather growth. If you are noticing a problem, it may be worthwhile to consult with your nutritionist.

If feathers are developed, but are pulled or broken off, the location of the feather loss on the bird could provide a clue about the cause. Loss of feathers to the back and vent areas usually indicates feather pecking. A new management method is to hang white polypropylene string in cages, which diverts pecking from other hens onto the string. Damage to feathers on the head and neck may indicate more aggressive pecking, or may be damage caused by equipment and housing setup issues. If an inspection of the facility does not uncover any equipment issues, evaluating the bird type, lighting and group size may prove helpful.

If feathers are missing from the abdominal and vent area, the cause is most likely the presence of external parasites. In that case, you should consult with your poultry health team on possible solutions for both the existing and future flocks.



EFA's 43rd AGM

EFA was pleased to welcome two special guest speakers to our AGM.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Vaillancourt, from the University of Montreal, presented an informative and entertaining discussion on bio-security and the heightened risk on multi-species farms. He provided some insights from his on-farm research, which highlighted the fact that only 2.9% of observed visits were completed with no bio-security errors. Dr. Vaillancourt recommended implementing bio-security protocols that make it easy to comply, lead by example and use physical barriers (such as a bench) to more effectively mark the transition point between unrestricted and restricted zones.

Dr. Tina Widowski, EFC's Research Chair in Poultry Welfare at the University of Guelph, explored the meaning of welfare and various concepts used to determine quality of life for animals. More specifically, Dr. Widowski analyzed the benefits and challenges related to each hen housing system, as well as reiterating the fact that issues such as matching the breed to the housing system through genetics and rearing, optimizing design and optimizing management are just as important to the overall welfare of egg laying hens as the choice of housing system utilized.

Drop in Egg Production with Shell-less Eggs

- by Dr. Darko Mitevski, Poultry Health Services Ltd.

The occurrence of a drop in egg production in a layer flock, together with mortality, is an event that causes significant stress and financial losses to every egg producer. During the last year a number of flocks in production experienced severe drops in production. Unfortunately, the exact cause so far is unknown, which adds to the level of frustration and confusion.

Affected flocks experience sudden and severe drop in production of 30-50% of normal levels, for a period of 3-4 days. It seems that at least a portion of the lost production consists of shell-less eggs that can be found on the manure belts or down in the manure pits. Egg production (saleable eggs) returns to normal levels relatively quickly (7-10 days) without any specific measure or treatment. Reports from the field suggest that flocks early or late in the production cycle, of different breeds or on different feed rations, have been affected. There are reports that once this syndrome is seen on the farm, subsequent flocks will also be affected.

When faced with a drop in egg production, producers first need to check several things: water, light, temperature and feed in the barn. If birds do not have access to water, egg production will cease in a matter of days, if not hours. Prolonged darkness has a similar effect. Cold temperatures can negatively influence egg production, as can birds not eating. If these factors all check out, it is time for a deeper investigation, with the help of your veterinarian. Infectious Bronchitis is the most common viral disease that can cause a drop in egg production and egg shell quality problems, but we must never forget that Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease have similar symptoms. Submitting live and dead birds to the lab and blood samples, will give the veterinarian something to work on. Always keep a sample from the feed given to the birds (2-3 kg). Viruses are difficult to 'catch' and taking blood samples regularly at the beginning of the production period (2-3 weeks after all vaccinations) is very useful. You can send the sample to the lab or store the serum (clear yellow liquid) at -20°C.

With the severe drop in egg production and shell-less eggs syndrome, producers are frustrated because there is no medication and prevention. As the problem usually disappears on its own, they tend not to report it, but it is very important to properly record the event by reporting it to the diagnostic lab. It is also important to get some birds to the lab to rule out potential viral diseases. If producers do not raise their voice about every incident, then veterinarians, government, various funding agencies and your EFA Board will not include this syndrome in their research priority lists. Producer input is invaluable to identifying the underlying causes of an unexpected drop in egg production and problems associated with shell-less eggs on farm. Don't miss the opportunity to help discover the answer.

LIVESTOCK CARE CONFERENCE

The Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) Livestock Care Conference featured three special guest speakers of significant interest to Alberta's egg industry.

Charlie Arnot, CEO of the Center For Food Integrity, gave an enlightening presentation about how farmers should go about building public trust, in order to earn and maintain their 'social license' to operate. Farmers must communicate their shared values more effectively to consumers and farm using sustainable systems that are ethically grounded, scientifically verified and economically viable.

Glynn Tonsor, an Agricultural Economics professor at Kansas State University, reaffirmed that consumers have a growing interest about how their food is produced and want to make purchasing decisions they can feel good about.

Gene Gregory, President of United Egg Producers (UEP), provided details and timelines laid out in the agreement UEP reached with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), regarding the establishment of national standards for egg laying hen housing systems. Mr. Gregory stressed the need to be able to maintain a measure of control in your future, the benefits of which clearly outweigh any negatives from the phasing out of conventional cages. The plan, if adopted into legislation, will be fully implemented by 2029.

Intensive Livestock Working Group (ILWG) Update

Manure Management Pilot Project

The ILWG and Alberta Agriculture have agreed in principle to develop a manure management pilot project as part of the broader ILWG "Phosphorous Strategy". The first step currently being worked on is the development of a tool that identifies risks and opportunities on any land base where manure is applied. The objective of the tool is to reduce phosphorous migration to water bodies. The tool will help producers make decisions on how to get the most nutrient benefit out of their manure and at the same time reduce Phosphorous loss through runoff.

The ILWG will then select a tributary that has a number of confined operations (CFO's) within its drainage area. A determining factor of pilot location will be producer cooperation. Once selected, water monitoring of Phosphorous levels in the tributary will commence, to establish a baseline to measure effectiveness of any practice change implemented.

The next phase will be engagement of CFO's located within the drainage area and, with their cooperation, use the tool to identify circumstances that pose the highest risk to water quality. Practice change will be agreed upon and implemented. Water monitoring should then indicate the effectiveness of practice change.

This project is anticipated to take 5-10 years to complete. Lessons learned from previous projects are that:

- It takes time to develop trusting relationships with cooperators
- Several years must be provided for implementation of practice change on a sub-watershed scale
- Sufficient time must be allowed post-implementation for measureable improvements in water quality due to climate variability

Farm Safety Advisory Council

The Farm Safety Advisory Council (FSAC) was established to bring the agricultural industry, government and other stakeholders together, to find ways to reduce farm injuries without increasing the regulatory and financial burden on producers. Page Stuart, the livestock/poultry representative and co-chair of the Council, reports that FSAC has met numerous times over the past year and has just forwarded a strategy plan to the Minister to review. It is expected that the plan will be released for industry feedback within a few months.

LAND-USE PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

There are a variety of critically important issues for livestock producers in the ongoing Land-use Framework. Water use, water quality criteria, land fragmentation and conversion, industry development, transportation and utility transmission are issues that are at the forefront of the South Saskatchewan Region (SSR) planning process.

The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for the SSR is made up of regional experts. The RAC has now provided recommendations for the SSR and there will be a public consultation process with open meetings, to allow input on the RAC recommendations before the Regional Plan is drafted.

The framework and the related public consultations are broader than agriculture. However, continued engagement with producers is necessary to prevent unintended consequences to the industry and to ensure agriculture is able to operate in an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable manner.

Public sessions on the RAC's recommendations are expected to take place in the coming months. Exact dates and locations will be announced at landuse.alberta.ca. EFA encourages producers to participate in this process. If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Latanville at extension 129.

Growing Forward Programs Re-Open

The following Growing Forward programs re-opened on April 2nd, 2012, with updated rules and application forms:

- The Solar PV Equipment Pilot Program
- The On-Farm Energy Assessment
- The Energy Efficiency Construction Program
- The Energy Efficiency Retrofits Program
- The Biosecurity Program
- Stewardship Plans, Manure Management

Downloadable application forms and full program terms and conditions are available online (www.growingforward.alberta.ca) or by calling the Ag Info Center at 310-FARM.

New Funding for Productivity Alberta

Alberta businesses will get a \$10.3 million productivity boost thanks to funding for Productivity Alberta, provided by the Government of Alberta and Western Economic Diversification Canada. Productivity Alberta is an industry-led, not-for-profit corporation mandated to enhance productivity improvement, increase innovation, and build a skilled workforce to improve the long-term competitiveness and sustainability of Alberta's economy.

The Government of Alberta is providing Productivity Alberta with \$7.3 million operating funds over three years, with funding levels for an additional two years to be determined. This includes the reassignment of five ARD employees for the first three years. Western Economic Diversification Canada is investing \$3 million towards Productivity Alberta to support firms in adding value to products and services, adopting innovative practices and technologies, and expanding their supply chains.

Formerly a branch of the Government of Alberta, Productivity Alberta was launched in October 2011. It serves as a "one window" connection to the latest in productivity tools, resources and services, and its board of directors includes senior leaders from a variety of Alberta's industry sectors. More information can be found on their website (www.productivityalberta.ca).

Western Economic Diversification Canada, in partnership with the provinces, industry associations, and communities, promotes the development and diversification of the western economy, coordinates federal economic activities in the West and represents the interests of western Canadians in national decision-making.

ALBERTA EGG MARKET UPDATE

The Nielson preliminary retail sales data is available up to March 10th, 2012 and indicates that in the latest 4-week period, 2.58 million dozen eggs were sold in Alberta; a 2.6% increase from the previous 4-week period (ending February 11th) and a 4.0% increase in sales compared to the same period in 2011.

Nielson retail sales in the last 52 weeks are up 2.9% over the previous 52 weeks in Alberta. Omega-3 eggs have seen the largest sales growth in the last 52 weeks in Alberta; a 6.8% increase over the previous 52 weeks, to 3.4 million dozen eggs (10.4% of the total eggs sold in Alberta).

EFA ONLINE!

Remember to tell everyone you meet about the EFA website, where you can find lots of eggcellent information about being an egg farmer, how an egg a day can be part of an active, nutritious lifestyle and a wide variety of delicious recipes! *Get Cracking* to eggs.ab.ca



Marketing Update

We are now... Egg Farmers of Alberta!

Thanks to all those who voted for their choice and submitted their suggestions, to help us choose our new name! We appreciate all your feedback and send our congratulations to the lucky winner of the *Get Cracking* cooks kit!

EFA Website Update

AEP would like to remind everyone that our website should be your first choice for egg and egg industry information, facts about egg nutrition, resources for teachers and health professionals, as well as mouthwatering egg recipes. *Get Cracking* to eggs.ab.ca today!

Upcoming Events

AEP is proud to be participating in these *EGG*cellent events:

- **Calgary Zoo's Easter Eggstravaganza**
@ Calgary Zoo in Calgary, AB April 7-8
- **Aggie Days Calgary**
@ Stampede Park in Calgary, AB April 18-22
- **Aggie Days Lethbridge**
@ Exhibition Park in Lethbridge, AB May 8-9
- **Scotiabank Calgary Marathon**
@ Stampede Grounds in Calgary, AB May 27

EFA 2012 Highlights

- Total # of events attended: 8
- Total # of events sponsored: 60
- Total # of promotional items distributed: 20,620
- Total # of resources distributed: 35,940

If you have any questions about EFA's marketing initiatives or want to let us know about something *EGG*citing happening in your area, please contact David Webb at extension 126.

EGG HEALTH FACTS

Eggs have always been an excellent choice for a healthy diet. Eggs are low in saturated fat, contain only 70 calories and have no trans fat.

CLASSIFIED ADS



#1) For Sale:

2,000 White Leghorn Pullets
19 weeks on April 13th

Contact:

Al at Rochester Hatchery
780-349-1841

#2) For Sale:

300 H&N Nick Chicks White
19 weeks on August 1st

Contact:

Walter at River Bend Colony
403-534-2166 ext.207

#3) For Sale:

Bovine White Pullets
19 weeks in July

Contact:

Ben at Handhills Colony
587-794-4666 ext.242

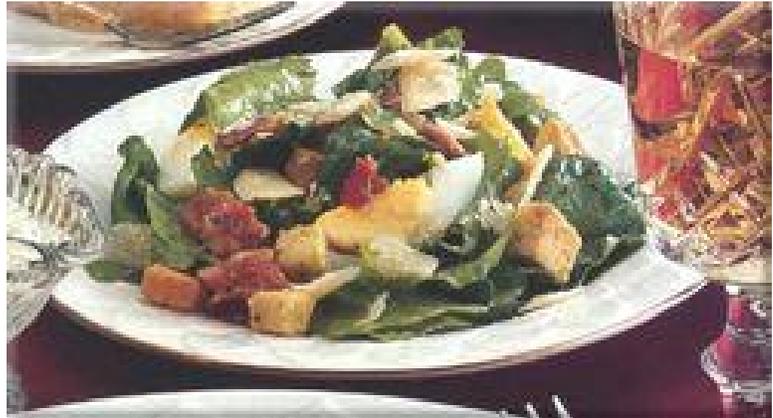
#4) For Sale:

29" Clark Vacuum Sweeper, 2 bags

Contact:

Teddy or Willie
403-635-0056

Feature Recipe: EGG CAESAR SALAD



Makes: 8 servings • Preparation: 25 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large egg
- ¼ cup (60 mL) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) parmesan cheese, fresh, finely grated
- 2 tsp (10 mL) Dijon mustard
- 2 garlic cloves, minced (or ½ tsp (2 mL) garlic powder)
- 2 tsp (10 mL) anchovy paste (or 2 anchovy fillets, mashed), optional
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) olive oil
- 4 hard cooked large eggs, quartered lengthwise
- 10 cups (2.5 L) romaine lettuce, cut, torn and lightly packed
- 1 cup (250 mL) seasoned croutons
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) parmesan cheese
- 8 bacon slices, cooked crisp and crumbled

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Beat first 6 ingredients in small bowl until well combined.
- 2) Slowly add olive oil while beating constantly with whisk until well combined.
- 3) Makes 1 ½ cups (375 mL) dressing. Chill until ready to serve.
- 4) Put remaining 5 ingredients into large salad bowl and toss.
- 5) Stir dressing with a fork and drizzle over salad.
- 6) Toss and serve immediately.
- 7) Makes 16 cups (4L) or 8 full servings.