

# EggNotes

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## EFA Vision Statement

Healthy Food, Healthy Farms,  
Healthy Families

## EFA Mission Statement

Cultivating a sustainable egg industry  
together with farmers, consumers & other  
stakeholders

## EFA Office Hours

Regular office hours

## Egg Price Update

Effective September 8, 2019

Canada Grade	Size	Price Per Dozen	
A	Extra Large	2.360	↑
A	Large	2.360	↑
A	Medium	2.130	↑
A	Small	1.750	↑
A	Nest Run	2.225	↑
A	Pee Wee	0.280	-
B		0.770	-
C		0.160	-

Note: From the minimum paying price, graders can only deduct charges as authorized by the EFA Board. Effective December 29/19, rates were set for each zone in Alberta and reflect the maximum rate that can be deducted from producer's weekly cheque. For further information, please refer to OPP #13.3 on the producer website.

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Note: EggNotes can be accessed on the EFA website (full issue PDF) or EFA's producer website



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## Board Update

Your EFA Board of Directors had an excellent meeting with EFC prior to the holiday break, to hear a presentation about EFC's new Vision 2020 Crack 300 strategy and discuss a variety of issues that are crucial to the sustainability of Canada's egg industry. Though we face many challenges, this new strategy outlines the important pillars that will help us achieve ultimate goal of becoming the world leader in per capita egg consumption by 2025.

EFA will work collaboratively with EFC, other provincial egg boards and industry partners, as we endeavor to both resolve several outstanding issues and bring this lofty Vision 2020 to fruition. It is encouraging to finally have candid conversations about concerns related to service fees, the Natural Overrun Policy, and renewing the Federal-Provincial Agreement. Here's looking ahead to a successful and prosperous 2020 for all egg famers in Alberta and across Canada!



## EFA January Regional Meetings

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EFA is excited to start the new decade with a round of regional meetings (please note that this is a closed meeting for producers only), with an agenda full of important information and pertinent updates, including:

- EFC Updates (ie: quota, levy, trade, COP survey, Service Fee, FPA)
- Farm Gate Pick-up
- Farm programs
- Farm safety
- Farm security
- Insights about being an EFA Board Director

Registration will open at 9:00 am, with the meeting scheduled to run from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Coffee and light refreshments will be served during registration, and lunch will also be provided to all registered attendees. EFA Regional Meeting dates and locations are as follows, for further information please refer to the producer website.

- January 14: Calgary
- January 15: Edmonton
- January 21: Lethbridge
- January 22: Lethbridge

## EFA Annual General Meeting

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EFA hopes for a tremendous turnout of registered egg farmers, value chain partners and industry stakeholders, as we host our 51st Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, February 25th.

The AGM will be held at the Cambridge Red Deer Hotel & Conference Centre. Following a review of EFA's Annual Report, elections will be held for two positions on the EFA Board of Directors. Joe Kleinsasser has completed his third consecutive 3-year term and must stand down. John Hofer has completed his second 3-year term and will likely need to stand down, unless EFA's Plan Regulation is amended before February. As a reminder, all nominations must be received at the EFA office by February 11th, 2020.

The afternoon session will begin with the Producer of the Year announcement. Kevin Stewart will give an insightful presentation about the disruptive ideas from Generation Z that are transforming today's food industry. EFA would like to remind all egg farmers and honoured guests to pre-register for the AGM by submitting your completed registration forms to the EFA office, if you have not already done so.



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## Western Poultry Conference

You are invited to join us for the sixth annual Western Poultry Conference at the Cambridge Red Deer Hotel & Conference Centre. 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!

For more information, please go to: [westernpoultryconference.ca](http://westernpoultryconference.ca)



## Quota Leasing Pool 🏠

Please make sure to have your 2020/2021 Quota Leasing Pool applications in by January 19, 2020. Confirmations for those leasing from the pool will go out by February 16, 2020, and those leasing to the pool by March 1, 2020. Please call Erin if you need help filling out your application.

## Amendments to the Start-Clean, Stay-Clean® Layer Manual 🟡

The Start-Clean, Stay-Clean® (SC-SC) Program is continuously evolving as a result of emerging experiences, science-based research, technical advancements, and government regulations. In March 21, 2019, Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) approved several amendments to the SC-SC™ program which became effective January 1, 2020. To reflect these amendments, the SC-SC™ layer manual has been updated to include the changes to SE testing, requirement for bait stations, standards for cracks in the floor, litter management, mortality disposal, range management, and technical training. The complete manual along with the updated pages has been posted to the producer website at SC-SC™ layers (Farm Programs). Egg Farmers of Alberta Field Service Coordinators will be delivering the updated pages to your farm during their upcoming visits.



## Conventional Housing Density

A friendly reminder that as of January 1, 2020 all flocks in conventional housing systems must provide each bird with a minimum space allowance of 67 in<sup>2</sup> for white birds and 75 in<sup>2</sup> for brown birds. Egg Farmers of Alberta adopted the 2003 Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pullets and Laying Hens into our policy on July 7, 2003. This means that this will be the first-year producers are exempt from grandfathering and therefore should refer to their 2020 capacity on their hen housing certificate. New conventional hen housing certificates will soon be generated to remove grandfathering and add feeder space measurements.

## Clarification on Euthanasia Training

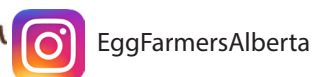
Egg Farmers of Alberta has received clarification from Egg Farmers of Canada that farm personnel who have been trained by a farmer/farm employee who has completed euthanasia training from a certified trainer must be able to demonstrate an ability to perform euthanasia successfully and efficiently

### Upcoming Events

- January 9** - Quota Exchange Q1 Sales Deadline
- January 16** - Quota Exchange Q1 Red/Green Date
- January 19** - Quota Leasing Pool Applications Due
- February 4 & 5** - EFC Board Meeting (Ottawa)
- February 7** - EFA Board Meeting

### 2020 Regional Meetings

- January 14** - Calgary Regional Meeting
- January 15** - Red Deer Regional Meeting
- January 21** - Lehtbridge Regional Meeting #1
- January 22** - Lethbridge Regional Meeting #2



# HEALTHY BIRDS

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#### 2019 Farm Program Results are in!

We are pleased to present you with an overview of 2019's Farm Program results. These year end statistics once again demonstrate that Alberta's egg farmers are committed to flock management, animal husbandry, stewardship, and record keeping. Thanks to each of you for your hard work and commitment to excellence in egg farming. Well done!

- The average ACP rating was once again over 99%, with 97% of farms achieving a perfect 100% score.
- In 2019, the fourth full year of 3rd party audits, there were 69 third-party audits
- While the ACP is being redeveloped, in order to help farmers transition to new requirements, EFC is conducting Interim Housing Standard (IHS) audits. In 2019, 124 IHS audits were completed.
- The average score on the SC-SC layer program was once again over 99%
- The average score on PEEP was 83%, with over 97% of farms passing
- Over 70 farms successfully completed their Farm Safety Job Task Hazard Assessments (JTHAs)

A huge thank you to the EFC and third-party auditors, as well as EFA's Field Coordinators for their diligence in delivering the farm programs and providing resources and support to help farmers make improvements and close corrective actions.



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## Updates to the Producer Website

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### **EFC 2019 Summary of Research Projects:**

Egg Farmers of Canada has released their 2019 summary of research projects. This summary highlights over 30 cutting edge poultry research projects. To view the summary, visit the producer website under EFA Research (Information Center).

### **Manure and Compost Handling List:**

A list of manure and compost handling companies has been made available on the producer website under Healthy Farms (Manure). This list outlines the companies, locations, services provided, and contact information.

We would like to graciously thank Trevor Wallace from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for sharing this resource with Egg Farmers of Alberta.

### **Transportation Record Keeping Templates:**

On February 20, 2020, it will become mandatory for producers to have up to date transportation records. To prepare and assist producers with this transition, record keeping templates will be included in the 2020 Start-Clean, Stay-Clean calendars to fulfill the changes made to the CFIA transportation regulations. For those producers keeping electronic copies of their records, the transportation template has been made available on the producer website at Transportation.

### **2020 Start-Clean, Stay-Clean® Calendars:**

During the January regional meetings, Egg Farmers of Alberta will be handing out the 2020 Start-Clean, Stay-Clean® calendars. For those producers using the electronic calendars, an updated version has been made available on the producer website at SC-SC™ Layer or SC-SC™ Pullets (Farm Programs).

### **Website Safe List**

An updated list of approved colony safe websites has been made available on the home page of the producer website. Please share this list as needed to gain access to these websites on your colonies which are important for the daily functioning of your egg facility.



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