

BC Poultry Emergency Response Team Industry Update #21

Date: Sept 29, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Event: High Path AI 2022- Fall Event

We've changed the format of the industry updates – information will no longer be cumulative. Updates will only have new information unless we need to repeat it for some reason. For example, red biosecurity status will be in every update. All the updates will be posted on the EOC website. Click here to go to the [EOC website](#).

UPDATE ON INFECTED PREMISES

BC IP Summary status as of Sept 29, 2022

IP #	Area	IP status	PCZ #	PCZ status
19	CF-Chilliwack	CFIA signed off on BHT – the next step is to move the material out of the barn and work towards primary decontamination.	84	Placement in the infected zone started September 23
20	SF-100 Mile House	Disposal is complete.	NA	There won't be one
21	SF - Vernon	Disposal is complete.	NA	There won't be one
22	SF- Duncan	Destruction was completed yesterday.	TBD	There will be a PCZ
<i>Backyard flocks still impacting commercial sector and exports</i>				
4	Richmond-SF	June 8 - 120-day fallow period started	54	PCZ revoked July 7
8	Comox Valley-SF	June 6 - 120-day fallow period started	60	revoked July 5
12	Princeton-SF	June 17 - 120-day fallow period started	66	PCZ revoked July 15
14	Sechelt-SF	June 28 - 120-day fallow period started	68	PCZ revoked July 27
15	Summerland-SF	June 9 - 120-day fallow period started	69	Revoked July 6
17	Gabriola Is-SF	June 28 - 120-day fallow period started	71	PCZ revoked July 27
18	Langley-SF	June 19 - 120 day fallow period started	72	PCZ revoked July 17

SF-small flock; CF - commercial flock

Updates on Permits, Dead Bird Surveillance, Flock Health Questionnaires

Bins for dead bird surveillance will be set up for the Duncan IP.

Farm Summary

BC- IP19 (PCZ 84) Fraser Valley farms (Chilliwack & Abbotsford)

1	Commercial farm deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
31	Commercial farms in the 0 to 3 km zone—require specific permits for any movement
62	Commercial farms between 3 and 10 km – requires permits for any movement

Primary control zone (PCZ-84 – British Columbia). Go to the CFIA website to see the map for [PCZ-84](#).

BC- IP22 (PCZ ??) Duncan

1	Small lot flock deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
0	Commercial farms in the 0 to 3 km zone—require specific permits for any movement
3	Commercial farms between 3 and 10 km – requires permits for any movement

North America Situation

Province	Number of IPs	Additional comments
British Columbia	22-5 commercial; 17 backyard	One new small lot flock since the last update
Alberta	48 – 34 commercial, 14 backyard	Three new commercial and two new small lot flocks since the last update
Sask	18- 10 com, 8 backyard	Three new commercial and one small lot flock since the last update
Manitoba	6– 4 commercial, 2 backyard	No change
Ontario	30 – 21 commercial; 9 backyard	No change
Quebec	12- 9 commercial; 3 backyard	No new since Aug 1
USA – as of Sept 28	40 states; 478 flocks (224 commercial, 254 small lot); 46.65 million birds euthanized (In 2015 55 million birds were euthanized)	19 more flocks (9 commercial; 10 backyard), 1.51 million more birds euthanized

HPAI Websites

BC Poultry Symposium 2022 Webinar #20 (September 21, 2022)

Dr. Victoria Bowes from the BC Ministry of Agriculture gave a talk on avian influenza titled *The Crazy World of Avian Influenza*. You can watch the recording at the [Canadian Poultry Consultants' website](#).

[AgSafe's Mental Wellness Resources](#)

This page is to help with finding, and researching the available mental wellness resources in their area. If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, please contact 911 or the Crisis Line: 1-800-SUICIDE.

BC Mental Health Hotlines

Support (BC): 310-6789

Support (Interior Health): 310-MHSU (6478)

Crisis Line: 1-800-SUICIDE

BC Emergency Operations Centre Information [website](#)

[CFIA website](#) - Detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in Canada 2021-2022

Red Biosecurity Status – *additional biosecurity requirements*

Controlled Access Zone (CAZ) refers to your property immediately surrounding your barn and range but excludes your home. In your CAZ, you should:

- Inform all family, friends, staff, service personnel, and allied trades of your enhanced biosecurity measures
- Keep your CAZ barrier locked at all times
- Cancel all farm appointments and only allow essential visitors into the CAZ
- Implement your vehicle wash station at the entrance to your CAZ
 - Remove all organic debris with pressurized water
 - Disinfect tires, wheel wells, and under-carriages of vehicles
 - Disinfect the floor mats, pedals, steering wheel, and door handles of the interior of the vehicle with disinfecting wipes or a small spray bottle and paper towel
- Make sure garbage bins (dumpsters) are outside of the CAZ and reduce pick-ups as much as possible

Restricted Access Zone (RAZ) refers to the barn and range. In your RAZ, you should:

- Keep all exterior barn doors locked at all times when not occupied by personnel
- When entering the RAZ change into barn specific coveralls and RAZ specific boots as well as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per WorkSafe BC requirements
- When exiting the RAZ leave all biosecurity gear on the RAZ side of the CAZ/RAZ demarcation
- Wash and or sanitize your hands before entering or exiting the RAZ
- Shower before and after completing your daily barn chores
- Restrict contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

Conducting Business:

- Whenever possible conduct all activities through non-contact methods such as telephone, email, or Zoom
- Avoid common public gathering places

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