

BC Poultry Emergency Response Team

Industry Update #23

Date: October 12, 2022

Time: 4:00 pm

Event: High Path AI 2022- Fall Event

The EOC website has been reviewed and updated with all the new information. URL:

<https://www.emergencyoperationscentreinformation.ca/>

Surveillance, permits and exports

Surveillance

To lift the Security Zone (former PCZ84) there is a 28-day surveillance period. Within that period, 10 birds from each premise must be sampled live or via dead bird surveillance (DBS). The DBS is much preferred. The 28-day period may have already started as many farmers stayed on the DBS bins, waiting to get confirmation of the timelines.

Please let your producers and growers (the entire infected 0-3km zone and all meat birds in the restricted 3-10km zone) know they need to continue/restart DBS starting October 13.

This is a new procedure developed behind the new policies just put in today.

Non-commercial PCZs and trade

These are flocks that don't operate under supply management and have less than 300 birds. While commercial farms within non-commercial PCZs don't have all the movement and surveillance requirements of a commercial PCZ, product from non-commercial PCZs have the same trade restrictions as a commercial PCZ. Product that originated from a non-commercial PCZ cannot be exported. It must be identified as for domestic use only.

Farm Summary

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

1	Commercial farm deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
93	Commercial farms in the new security zone

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

BC- IP22 (PCZ 104-non-commercial) Duncan

1	Small lot flock deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
0	Commercial farms in the 0 to 3 km zone
3	Commercial farms between 3 and 10 km

BC- IP23 (PCZ 104-non-commercial) Salt Spring

1	Small lot flock deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
0	Commercial farms in the 0 to 3 km zone
1	Commercial farm between 3 and 10 km

BC- IP24 (PCZ 121-non-commercial) Duncan

1	Small lot flock deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
0	Commercial farms in the 0 to 3 km zone
3	Commercial farm between 3 and 10 km

BC- IP25 (PCZ ???-non-commercial) Victoria

1	Small lot flock deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
1	Commercial farms in the 0 to 3 km zone
2	Commercial farm between 3 and 10 km

Estimated Number of Birds in Infected Flocks

Province	Number of infected premises (current IPs)	Number of previously infected premises (released IPs)	Estimated number of birds impacted (as of 2022-10-12)
Alberta	26	24	1,319,000
British Columbia	16	10	230,000
Manitoba	17	1	289,000
New Brunswick	1	0	Under 100
Newfoundland and Labrador	0	2	400
Nova Scotia	0	4	12,000
Ontario	7	26	623,000
Quebec	1	11	301,000
Saskatchewan	15	9	265,000
Total	83	87	3,119,000

UPDATE ON INFECTED PREMISES

BC IP Summary status as of Oct 12, 2022

IP #	area	IP status	PCZ #	PCZ status
	SF-small flock; CF - commercial flock			
19	CF-Chilliwack	Piles capped Sept 22. BHT has been moved out of the barn and C&D started.	84	Milestone - Infected zone released October 11 and the PCZ transitioned to a security zone. Traceable permits replace specific permits. Premovement testing and dead bird surveillance not required.
20	SF- 100 Mile House	Non-comm; non-poultry	NA	No PCZ
21	SF-Vernon	Non-comm; non-poultry	NA	No PCZ
22	SF-Duncan	non-comm; poultry	104	Working on completing disposal- they submitted their plan & CFIA is reviewing it. Once disposal is completed, they will enter the 14-day IZ zone release passive testing period.
23	SF-Salt Spring	Non-commercial; destruction scheduled for Wednesday	120	A non-commercial PCZ
24	SF-Duncan	Non-commercial; destruction scheduled for Wednesday	121	A non-commercial PCZ
25	SF-Victoria	Non-commercial; poultry	?	A non-commercial PCZ
26	SF-Langley	Non-comm; non-poultry	NA	No PCZ
<i>Backyard still Impacting commercial sector and exports</i>				
8	Comox Valley-SF	Oct 19 - 120-day fallow period scheduled to end	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
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

North America Situation

Province	Number of IPs	Additional comments
British Columbia	26 - 5 commercial; 21 backyard	Four new small lot flock since the last update
Alberta	50 – 35 commercial, 15 backyard	No change since the last update
Sask	20 - 12 commercial, 8 backyard	Two new commercial flocks since the last update
Manitoba	18 – 15 commercial, 3 backyard	Five new commercial flocks since the last update
Ontario	35 – 23 commercial, 12 backyard	One new commercial and three small lot flocks since the last update.
Quebec	13 - 10 commercial, 3 backyard	One new commercial flock since the last update.
USA	40 states; 497 flocks (232 commercial, 265 small lot); 47.07 million birds euthanized (In 2015 55 million birds were euthanized)	Two more states; 21 more flocks (6 commercial; 15 backyard), 220,00 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 your 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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