

FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

CANADIAN HATCHING EGG PRODUCERS



2015

THE CANADIAN HATCHING EGG QUALITY PROGRAM WAS UPDATED IN 2015 TO REFLECT THE INDUSTRY STRATEGY TO REMOVE THE PREVENTIVE USE OF CATEGORY 1 ANTIBIOTICS

CANADIAN HATCHING EGG PRODUCERS COLLABORATED TO UPDATE THE NATIONAL AVIAN ON-FARM BIOSECURITY STANDARD, PUBLISHED IN JULY 2018



2018

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The original National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009) was designed to provide strategic direction to farmed animal industry stakeholders to 2015. The renewed strategy includes revisions to the strategic outcomes and identifies priorities to provide direction for stakeholders to 2020.

The most significant advancement for the 2020 Strategy is the engagement of all stakeholders in contributing to the measurement of progress on the strategic outcomes and sharing the responsibility to report on the achievements of those outcomes in their own words.

CANADIAN HATCHING EGG PRODUCERS

Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) is a national organization that represents over 240 producers across Canada. CHEP works to grow the sustainability and profitability of Canada's hatching egg industry to ensure a quality supply to Canada's chicken producers.

CHEP'S PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES, AND OTHER NOTABLE EXAMPLES WHICH REFLECT WORK BEING DONE IN ACCORD WITH:

- "Safe food animal products are accessible to Canadians" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Emergency management" [5 Year Priority]



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ACTIVITIES

8 SAFE FOOD ACTIVITIES

The majority of activities are directed at continuous improvements on egg quality and researching initiatives in antimicrobial use, resistance, and alternatives.

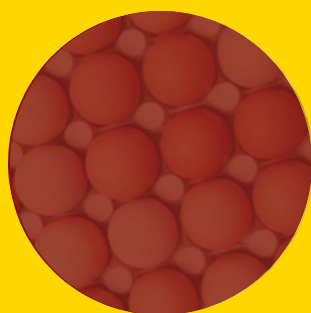
7 ANIMAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES

Many of CHEP's animal welfare activities focus on communicating best practices to producers, handlers, and processors.

10 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

CHEP supports numerous emergency preparedness plans, disease plans, and biosecurity strategies.

**SAFE FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTS
ARE ACCESSIBLE TO CANADIANS
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)**



**CANADA PROTECTS THE WELFARE
OF FARMED ANIMALS
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)**



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(5 YEAR PRIORITY)**



SAFE FOOD

The HACCP-based Canadian Hatching Egg Quality (CHEQ™) program is the national on-farm food safety standard for hatching egg producers. CHEQ™ is in the process of being updated in 2018 to reflect new requirements to improve egg quality as it relates to supply chain and regulatory initiatives to reduce and control antimicrobial use. The new CHEQ™ requirements will be included in audits starting January 1, 2019.



ANIMAL WELFARE

The inaugural CHEP Animal Care Program (ACP) is currently being rolled out and is to be based on the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens, and Turkeys. Initial provincial audits are to start in early 2019.

CHEP's national research priorities are reviewed annually in consultation with farmers and provincial boards to determine the issues specific to the broiler hatching egg and chick industry. CHEP works to close the research gaps identified during the review of the Code of Practice.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CHEP participates in the Canadian Notifiable Avian Influenza Surveillance System (CanNAISS). CanNAISS is a joint initiative to prevent, detect and eliminate the presence of H5 and H7 subtypes of notifiable avian influenza in Canada's domestic poultry flocks.

CHEP maintains a traceability system for the broiler hatching egg industry and for disease planning and emergency management.

