

Cariboo-Central Interior Poultry Producers Association (CCIPPA)
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B.C. Farm Assessment Review Panel Stakeholder Meeting - Quesnel, B.C.
September 19, 2008

INTRODUCTION:

The CCIPPA is a registered non-profit society and has been incorporated since December 2007. The purpose of the Association is to create economic diversification through agriculture initiatives, also to guide, mentor and provide information to individuals in the poultry industry and other related sectors in the region which we represent, from 100 Mile House and area to Vanderhoof and area.

We currently have an interim 7 member board of directors and approximately 30 voting and non-voting members. Our first annual general meeting is scheduled for November 8th in Quesnel.

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS:

The CCIPPA is in the process of creating a network of docking stations in the region to support a Mobile Poultry Slaughter Facility. This unit will travel from dock to dock in each community from 100 Mile House to Vanderhoof providing licensed and inspected poultry slaughter services.

As is the case today and will more likely be the case in the coming years, poultry and rabbit slaughter has and will continue to be an on farm process. The raising of poultry and rabbit for the most part happens in small intensive livestock operations or in mixed farm operations.

Two of the current guidelines under B.C. Regulation #411/95 which have impact on producers are:

Definition of 'Farm Gate Price'

This gives no consideration to how farmer producers are able to deliver their goods to market. In the case of live poultry, farmer's aren't selling product live to a broker as may be the case in the Lower Mainland, Okanagan or Vancouver Island, but producing the birds, having them slaughtered and then delivering a finished product to customers, either through farm gate, farmer's market or independant butchers. The producer is his/her own broker. There is no formula for calculating the live weight value of poultry from our farms. Also in this region, demand for farm raised poultry dictates prices. Volume pricing of quota birds does not fit the scenario in the Cariboo-Central Interior.

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Farm Income:

There is complete incongruity and disparity between the minimum income requirements. Given that most small lot intensive agriculture can potentially produce income equally as well or poorly on 1 acre of land as it can on 100 acres of land this guideline must be re-examined.

It would make more sense in our view to have only two distinctions:

A) would be anything under 10 acres

B) would be anything over 10 acres

Conditions on A might include a minimum amount and should be consistent with Revenue Canada guidelines as to the percentage of the total income to be considered farm income.

Conditions on B might increase the amount to \$5000 plus 5 percent of the actual value of farm land in excess of 10 acres.

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