



FOCUS Newsletter

New Year's Greetings

As 2017 begins, the members and the staff of the Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC or Council) would like to wish all national agencies and industry partners, their staff and families, a happy and prosperous year.

We have enjoyed working with you over the past year and look forward to a productive and exciting 2017!

FPCC By-Laws and Guidelines

On November 7, 2016, the Council approved a new [By-Law for Dealing with Complaints Received by the Farm Products Council of Canada](#) which amends the complaint filing requirements, timelines and process.

In addition, on December 13, 2016, the Council adopted a new [Governance By-Law of the Farm Products Council of Canada](#). This By-Law ensures accountability, consistency, efficiency, and transparency in the decision-making process and in implementing Council decisions.

Also available on our Web site are the [Agency Auditors and Audit Reporting Guidelines](#) and the [Agency Inspectors Designation Guidelines](#).

FPCC December 2016 meeting

The FPCC met on December 13 and 14, 2016, and Council members approved the following proposed amendments:

- the *Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations, 1990* for the 2016-17 control period;
- the *Canadian Egg Marketing Agency Quota Regulations, 1986*; (Schedule 1, 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3);
- the *Canadian Egg Marketing Levies Order*; and
- the *Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Quota Regulations* for Schedule 1 (final allocation for 2016) as well as Schedule 2 (initial allocation for 2017).

Meeting with National Agencies

On December 13, 2016, Council members met with Chicken Farmers of Canada's (CFC) Executive Committee and senior staff to discuss CFC's recent activities, strategic priorities and challenges for 2017. As in past years, Council members found the discussion interesting and informative. Council also took the opportunity to update CFC on a number of initiatives undertaken by Council, specifically as they relate to the mandate letter received from Minister MacAulay, and efforts to modernize FPCC's governance.

On December 14, 2016, Council members met with Egg Farmers of Canada's (EFC) Executive Committee and senior staff. EFC presented an overview of its budget for 2017 and updated Council on the Service Fee program, renewal of the Federal-Provincial Agreement, processor protocol, Cost of Production process and the possible establishment of a promotion and research agency for eggs. Council found the presentation informative and looks forward to working with EFC on some of its critical priorities to ensure that the supply management system for eggs continues to be efficient and competitive.

To view the decision letters, please follow this [link](#) to **FPCC's Web site**.

Council members update

Ms. Chantelle Donahue, who had been a Council member since November 2014, resigned from her position effective January 4, 2017, to fulfill other commitments. Along with her business expertise and agricultural experience, Ms. Donahue's knowledge of the agri-food sector provided valuable insight to the FPCC. We wish her success in her future endeavours.

Promotion and Research Agencies Update

The FPCC is pleased to announce that the following three Promotion and Research Agency Panel Reports are now available on our Web site:

- [Canadian Raspberry Promotion and Research Agency Panel's Report](#)
- [Canadian Strawberry Promotion and Research Agency Panel's Report](#)
- [Canadian Pork Promotion and Research Agency Panel's Report](#)

Details of the public hearing processes are also available on our [Proposals](#) Web page.

Upcoming Meetings

January

17-18 Chicken Farmers of Canada Ottawa, ON

30-31 Canada Beef Calgary, AB

February

6-10 Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council Ottawa, ON

14-15 Farm Products Council of Canada Ottawa, ON

15-16 Egg Farmers of Canada Ottawa, ON

March

2 Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada Toronto, ON

20 Farm Products Council of Canada Ottawa, ON

21-23 Egg Farmers of Canada Ottawa, ON

21-23 Chicken Farmers of Canada Ottawa, ON

21-23 Turkey Farmers of Canada Ottawa, ON

21-23 Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Ottawa, ON

24 National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies Ottawa, ON

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