

FPCC meeting

January 31, 2018

The FPCC met in Ottawa on January 31, 2018, where Council members discussed various issues and received from FPCC staff an update on current files. These included an update on FPCC’s governance material, the newly received proposal for a Canadian Barley Promotion and Research Agency and the administration of the *Agricultural Products Marketing Act*.

In addition, the FPCC considered the following agencies’ proposed regulatory amendments:

Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC)

Council members approved CFC’s amendment to the *Canadian Chicken Marketing Levies Order* which maintains the national levy at 0.53 cents/kg (live weight) and comes into force on April 1, 2018, and expires on March 31, 2019. They also approved the Quota Regulations for control periods A-149 and A-150, with allocations of 263,555,046 kg live weight for A-149 and 266,638,090 kg live weight for A-150.

Turkey Farmers of Canada (TFC)

Council members approved TFC’s amendment to the *Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations, 1990* which sets the national quota for the 2018-19 control period running from April 29, 2018, to April 27, 2019, at 176,257,096 kg (eviscerated).

Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP)

Council members approved CHEP’s amendments to the *Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Levies Order*. The amendments include an increase from \$0.00430 to \$0.00455 per hatching egg for the *Syndicat des Producteurs d’oeufs d’incubation du Québec*, which increases their total levy to \$0.00775; an increase to the levy on hatching eggs marketed from a non-signatory to a signatory province from \$0.012585 to \$0.0126257; and a new expiry date of the Levies Order of June 23, 2019.

FPCC Levy Committee

In addition, the FPCC Levy Committee met on January 12, 2018, via teleconference to consider the proposed amendments to increase the levy from 1.09 to 1.19 cents per kg (live weight) for the Chicken Farmers of New Brunswick and an increase from 1.53 to 1.73 cents per kg (live weight) for the Chicken Farmers of Prince Edward Island. Both amendments are effective April 1, 2018, and expire on March 31, 2019.

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

Promotion and Research Agency (PRA) Update

Barley

In mid-November 2017, the FPCC received, from the Barley Council of Canada, on behalf of Canadian barley producers, a proposal for the creation of a *Canadian Barley Promotion and Research Agency*. The FPCC is currently reviewing the proposal received.

Other Business

Update on Complaint

The FPCC received a Complaint from Belwood Poultry Ltd. in early June 2017, with respect to amendments to the Turkey Farmers of Canada’s (TFC) Export Policy, which was initially dismissed. In early November, a request for judicial review was filed by Belwood Poultry Ltd. with the Federal Court. Following discussions with the complainant, the judicial review was discontinued and Council agreed to move forward with an in-person examination .

On December 22, 2017, in accordance with FPCC’s Complaint By-Law, FPCC Interim Chairman, Mike Pickard, appointed a Complaint Committee to hold an in person examination to hear the complaint. Ms. Maryse Dubé was appointed Committee Chair and member to hear the proceedings of the complaint. A preparatory teleconference was held on January 29, to discuss the process and timelines of the in person examination to be held in Ottawa. The in person examination will be an opportunity for the Complaint Committee to hear arguments and clarify facts of this complaint in order to provide a recommendation for decision by the whole Council.

FPCC’s Annual Report

The FPCC is pleased to announce that its *2016-2017 Annual Report* is now available. This report provides a summary of FPCC’s activities and related accomplishments in support to the national marketing as well as promotion and research agencies. To view the report please follow this [link](#).

FPCC Senior Sectoral Advisor Changes

Recently some changes to the roles and responsibilities of FPCC’s sectoral senior advisors were made. As such, the files of each senior advisor are as follow: Reg Milne will now be responsible for the eggs and beef sectors; Bill Edwardson will be responsible for the turkey sector as well as requests for PRAs and Agencies under Part II of the *Farm Product Agencies Act*; and Steve will be responsible for the chicken and broiler hatching eggs sectors.

Upcoming Activities

The FPCC is currently working on its 2018 Activities Calendar for the upcoming winter and spring events. Every year Council members speak at provincial commodity boards annual general meetings. This is always a good opportunity for provincial stakeholders to meet members and discuss specific issues and inform on their plans for the year to come. Every effort is made by Council to have a relevant and constructive presence amongst industry stakeholders.

The processes to fill the Chairperson and members positions are still ongoing. The FPCC is hopeful that a new Chairperson and a larger Council will be complete in the coming months, ready to work with the various sectors, to continue efforts in support of all its stakeholders.



Upcoming Meetings-2018

February		
13-14	Beef PRA	Calgary, AB
13-16	Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council	Ottawa, ON
14-15	Egg Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON
March		
19	National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies	Ottawa, ON
20	Farm Products Council of Canada	Ottawa, ON
20-22	Chicken Farmers of Canada (<i>AGM March 20</i>)	Ottawa, ON
20-22	Egg Farmers of Canada (<i>AGM March 21</i>)	Ottawa, ON
20-22	Turkey Farmers of Canada (<i>AGM March 22</i>)	Ottawa, ON
20-22	Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (<i>AGM March 21</i>)	Ottawa, ON
May		
8-9	Farm Products Council of Canada	Ottawa, ON
17	Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada	Toronto, ON
30-31	Chicken Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON