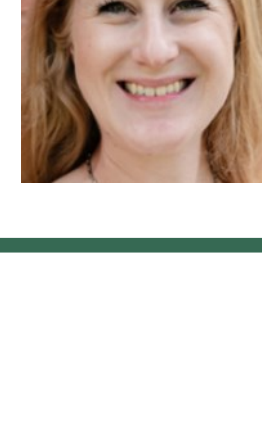




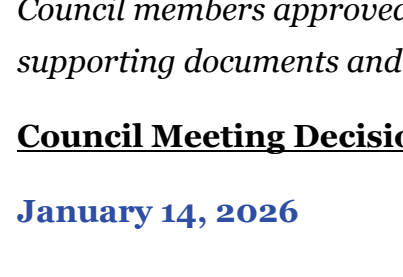
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Reappointment to the Farm Products Council of Canada

On February 6, 2026, the Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, announced the reappointment of Samantha Haverkamp to the Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC). Ms. Haverkamp will continue her service as a Council member for a three-year term, which is set to commence on April 21, 2026. For the official news release, please use this [link](#).



FPCC Council Meetings and Decisions



The Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC) conducts its business by holding Council meetings to review proposed regulatory amendments and to discuss issues related to the marketing and promotion-research agencies. The letters of decisions resulting from these meetings are available on FPCC's website by following this [link](#).

Council members approved the following amendments after internal analysis and careful review of supporting documents and rationale provided.

Council Meeting Decisions

January 14, 2026

- Chicken Farmers of Canada's revised per diem rates
- [Canadian Chicken Marketing Quota Regulations \(Canada Gazette\)](#)
- [Canadian Chicken Marketing Levies Order \(Canada Gazette\)](#)
- [Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Quota Regulations \(Canada Gazette\)](#)
- [Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Levies Order \(Canada Gazette\)](#)
- [Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations, 1990 \(Canada Gazette\)](#)



February 18, 2026

- [Canadian Chicken Marketing Quota Regulations \(Canada Gazette\)](#)
- [Canada Turkey Marketing Levies Order \(Canada Gazette\)](#)

March 24, 2026

- [Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations, 1990 \(Canada Gazette\)](#)
- [Canadian Egg Marketing Levies Order \(not yet published in Canada Gazette at time of publication\)](#)

Levy Committee Meeting Decisions

December 17, 2025

- [Canadian Chicken Marketing Levies Order \(Canada Gazette\)](#)

January 28, 2026

- [Canadian Egg Marketing Levies Order \(Canada Gazette\)](#)

February 25, 2026

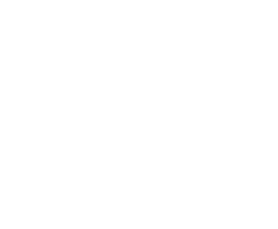
- [Canadian Chicken Marketing Levies Order \(Canada Gazette\)](#)



FPCC Activities

Banff Pork Seminar 2026

The Banff Pork Seminar held January 6 to 8, 2026, that has been held in Alberta since 1972, continues to bridge the gap between research and practice. This year's program covered critical industry topics including succession planning, sow and piglet management, welfare, disease, and innovation. Beyond the lectures, the seminar offered firsthand "Deep Dive" sessions, networking opportunities for students, and an exhibit hall highlighting the latest industry posters and technology.



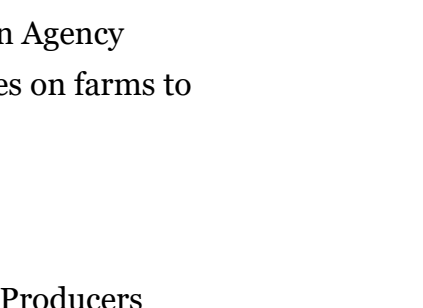
Meetings with Provincial Supervisory Board

Throughout the year, Council members and staff meet with provincial supervisory boards and agriculture departments across the country. These meetings provide a platform to exchange information and discuss key issues affecting provincial agrifood sectors.

On January 14, 2026, the Council met with the New Brunswick Farm Products Commission, the Nova Scotia Natural Products Marketing Council, the Prince Edward Island Marketing Council and the Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Industry Review Board. The FPCC and the provincial supervisory boards provided updates on noteworthy issues.

National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies Meetings

In the first quarter of 2026, the National Association of Agricultural Supervisory Agencies (NAASA) held two meetings to discuss the future of farming and food. The first meeting was online on January 20, and focused on Canada's new Grocery Code. They heard from Karen Proud, President and Adjudicator, from the Canada Grocery Code organization, who explained how the new Code works and how her office helps solve business disagreements.



The second meeting was held in Ottawa and online on March 23. In the morning, Shaun Soomias, Vice President Indigenous Relations, from Farm Credit Canada talked about the important role Indigenous communities play in agriculture. In the afternoon, Dr. Manon Racicot, DMV, PhD, Senior Veterinary Epidemiologist, from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), discussed the role the CFIA and provincial authorities play on biosecurity measures on farms to mitigate diseases and pests.

Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Strategic Planning Session

On January 21, 2026, Council Chair, Brian Douglas, attended the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) strategic planning session.

Canada's Agriculture Day - The Future of Food

Council Vice-Chair, Bonnie den Haan and member Samantha Haverkamp represented the Council at the 10-year Anniversary of Canada's Agriculture Day in Ottawa on February 10, 2026. Under the theme "Future of Food," the event highlighted the importance of technological advancement and climate resilience. The day emphasized fostering collaboration across the entire agri-food chain to ensure a sustainable and secure food supply for the next decade.

Promotion-Research Agency Update

Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Annual General Meeting and Convention

From February 17 to 19, 2026, Council Vice-Chair, Bonnie den Haan attended two major events in Niagara Falls, Ontario: the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association (OFVGA) annual meeting and its industry convention.

The OFVGA is one of Canada's oldest well-known non-profit agricultural organizations. As a nationally recognized body, the OFVGA advocates for Ontario's comestible horticulture industry at the provincial, national, and international levels. Moreover, as Canada's premier agricultural event, the convention served as a vital focus for innovation and industry networking featuring a two-day itinerary of technical sessions, workshops, and keynote presentations from global experts.

It is also important to note that Bonnie den Haan took this opportunity to informally discussed with various producer groups the Promotion and Research Agencies (PRAs), a unique tool for promoting agricultural products and research.

Council members' Speaking Opportunities

National Marketing Agencies Annual General Meetings

During the weeks of March 17 and March 23, 2026, Council members and staff from the Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC) actively participated in the Annual General Meetings (AGMs) of the four national marketing agencies.

The FPCC Council Chair, Brian Douglas, served as a guest speaker at the AGMs for the four supply-managed agencies, namely, Egg Farmers of Canada, Chicken Farmers of Canada, Canadian Hatching Egg Producers and, Turkey Farmers of Canada. As part of his presentation, Mr. Douglas highlighted the Council's regulatory oversight, collaborative achievements, and the progress made within the industries over the past year.

Marketing Agencies Executive Committee Elections

During their Annual General Meetings held this past March, the agencies elected their Executive Committees as follows:

Chicken Farmers of Canada Chair: Tim Klompaker 1st Vice-Chair: Luce Bélanger 2nd Vice-Chair: Ray Nickel Executive Member: Tim Ansems	Egg Farmers of Canada Chair: Roger Pelissero 1st Vice-Chair: Emmanuel Destrijker 2nd Vice-Chair: Walter Siemens Executive Member: Joseph R. W. Smallwood III
Turkey Farmers of Canada Chair: Darren Ference Vice-Chair: Matt Steele Executive Member: Jelmer Wiersma	Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Chair: Brian Bilkes Vice-Chair: Gyslain Loyer Second Vice-Chair: Calvin Breukelman

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Poultry and Egg Processors Winter Meetings - Ottawa, ON

On February 10-12, 2026, Vice-Chair, Bonnie den Haan and Council member, Samatha Haverkamp and FPCC staff attended the Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors and the Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada Winter meetings. Council members spoke at the following:



- Joint Egg - Bonnie den Haan
- Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada - Bonnie den Haan
- Canadian Hatchery Federation - Bonnie den Haan
- Poultry Sector – Samantha Haverkamp

Provincial Commodity Boards Annual General Meetings

Starting on February 24, 2026, Council members along with staff, began attending and speaking at provincial commodity boards' Annual General Meetings. They travelled across the country and spoke to many poultry and egg farmers and stakeholders, beginning in Alberta at the Joint Poultry and Egg Conference.

Organizations	Locations	Dates	Participants
Alberta Chicken Producers Alberta Turkey Producers Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Egg Farmers of Alberta	Red Deer, AB	February 24	Brian Douglas
British Columbia Egg Farmers	Vancouver, BC	February 26-27	Brian Douglas
Chicken Farmers of Ontario	Mississauga, ON	March 3	Brian Douglas
Manitoba Turkey Producers	Winnipeg, MB	March 3	Samantha Haverkamp
Manitoba Egg Producers	Winnipeg, MB	March 3-4	Brain Douglas
Nova Scotia Chicken Producers Nova Scotia Turkey Producers	Wolfville, NS	March 4	Bonnie den Haan
Ontario Hatching Egg Producers	Stratford, ON	March 4	Samantha Haverkamp
Nova Scotia Chicken	Wolfville, NS	March 4	Bonnie den Haan
Manitoba Chicken Producers Manitoba Hatching Egg Producers	Winnipeg, MB	March 10	Brain Douglas Samantha Haverkamp
Egg Farmers of New Brunswick	Fredericton, NB	March 11	Brain Douglas
Turkey Farmers of Saskatchewan Saskatchewan Hatching Egg Producers	Saskatoon, SK	March 11	Bonnie den Haan Samantha Haverkamp
Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan Saskatchewan Egg Producers	Saskatoon, SK	March 12	Bonnie den Haan Samantha Haverkamp
British Columbia Broiler Hatching Egg Commission	Langley, BC	March 12	Brian Douglas
British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board British Columbia Chicken Growers Association British Columbia Turkey Marketing Board	Langley, BC	March 13	Brian Douglas
Egg Farmers of Ontario	Niagara, ON	March 23	Brian Douglas

Participation at Stakeholder Meetings

Organizations	Meetings/Events	Dates	Participants
Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency	Board of Directors	January 20-21	Brian Douglas
Chicken Farmers of Canada	Board of Directors	January 21	Samantha Haverkamp
Egg Farmers of Canada	Cost of Production	January 22	Samantha Haverkamp
Hemp Canada Chanvre	Board of Directors	February 2	Samantha Haverkamp
Canadian Poultry and Egg Council	Winter Meetings	February 10-12	Bonnie den Haan Samantha Haverkamp
Egg Farmers of Canada	Cost of Production	February 20	Bonnie den Haan
Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency	Board of Directors	March 11	Brian Douglas
Egg Farmers of Canada	Annual General Meeting	March 18	Brian Douglas Bonnie den Haan
Egg Farmers of Canada	Board of Directors	March 18	Brian Douglas Bonnie den Haan
National Association of Agricultural Supervisory Agencies	Regular Meeting	March 23	Samantha Haverkamp
Chicken Farmers of Canada	Annual General Meeting	March 24	Brian Douglas Samantha Haverkamp
Canadian Hatching Egg Producers	Annual General Meeting	March 25	Brian Douglas
Chicken Farmers of Canada	Allocation Meeting	March 25	Samantha Haverkamp
Turkey Farmers of Canada	Board of Directors	March 25-26	Brian Douglas Samantha Haverkamp
Turkey Farmers of Canada	Annual General Meeting	March 26	Brian Douglas Samantha Haverkamp
Canadian Hatching Egg Producers	Board of Directors	March 26	Brian Douglas
Canadian Pork Promotion-Research Agency	Board of Directors	March 27	Bonnie den Haan

Government Announcements

[Minister MacDonald launches consultations for the Next Agricultural Policy Framework](#)

[Government of Canada invests in improved halal beef processing and packaging](#)

[Message from Minister Heath MacDonald on Canada's Agriculture Day 2026](#)

[The Government of Canada strengthens support for agricultural exports new market program](#)

Upcoming Council Meetings 2026 (this schedule may change)

2026	Meeting Types
April 22	Virtual
May 25 and 27	In-person, Ottawa
June 16	In-person, Halifax
July 16	Virtual
August 13	Virtual
September 14 and 15	In-person, Ottawa

Comments or questions?

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