FOCUS *Newsletter*

Council Decisions and FPCC Activities Update

The Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC) continues to conduct its business virtually, which includes holding Council meetings more frequently. Since the beginning of the year, Council has already met eleven times.

The letters of decisions resulting from these meetings are available on FPCC's website by following this link.

Council Meeting of October 13, 2021

Council members met on October 13, 2021, and approved Chicken Farmers of Canada's (CFC) proposed changes to the *Canadian Chicken Marketing Quota Regulations* for the A-173 allocation period that runs from November 21, 2021, to January 15, 2022.

Additionally, members reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Quota Regulations*, Schedule 1 (final allocation for 2021) and Schedule 2 (revised allocation for 2022). The Canadian Hatching Egg Producer's (CHEP) proposed a 2021 final allocation of 1.1% above the 2021 revised allocation and a 2022 revised allocation of 2.5% above the 2022 initial allocation. Council members approved CHEP's Quota amendments.

Council members were updated on CHEP's new Liquidated Damages Assessment Agreement (LDAA). This new agreement is now in effect for the 2021 production year. This represents a milestone for their sector by addressing concerns raised by provincial boards and introduces new policies to strengthen production discipline.

Finally, members reviewed and discussed the proposed amendment to the *Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations, 1990*. Council members postponed their decision on Turkey Farmers of Canada's (TFC) proposed amendment until the next Council meeting.

Furthermore, FPCC had the pleasure of meeting with representatives from TFC for their annual presentation with Council members.

Attending on behalf of TFC, were Darren Ference, (Chair), Calvin McBain, (Vice-Chair), Phil Boyd, (Executive Director) and Sateesh Ramkissoonshingh, (Manager of Policy and Trade). Mr. Ference presented an overview of the turkey sector, including a market update, the "Think Turkey" Campaign, the Allocation Policy Review and TFC's Strategic Plan.

Next Council Meetings

FPCC's next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2021, where Council members will discuss current files related to the national marketing and promotion-research agencies. You can keep up-to-date on Council meetings via FPCC's website.

Council members Speaking Opportunities

On October 15, 2021, Council member, Morgan Moore attended, by videoconference, the Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council (CPEPC), Canadian Hatchery Federation meeting where he provided an update on FPCC's latest activities.

Then on October 25, 2021, Yvon Cyr attended and presented his update at the CPEPC's Joint Egg meeting via videoconference and the next day, on October 26, 2021, Ron Bonnett provided his update at the Joint Poultry meeting.

Other Business

2020 Sectoral Profiles

FPCC staff have updated the sector profiles that provide 2020 statistical and economic overview of the poultry, egg, beef and pork sectors. These reports are based on a number of key indicators, such as supply and disposition, prices paid to producers, farm cash receipts and prices paid by consumers at the retail level. To view the highlights of each report you can visit FPCC's website and to receive the full copies of any of the reports please contact FPCC.

FPCC Staff Update

After 32 years of dedicated work in the public service, Steve Welsh, Senior Commodity Officer with FPCC, is retiring next month. Steve began his career in 1989 with Statistics Canada in the agriculture section and moved on to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada from 1998 to 2014 and joined FPCC in October 2014. His in-depth knowledge and expertise of supply management in the poultry and egg sectors, has been of great benefit to FPCC. The Council members, Management Team and staff, thank him for his contribution to the organization and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

On October 8, 2021, Council Assistant, Dina Vaicoussis, left FPCC to pursue new challenges with the Department of National Defense. Dina started with FPCC on January 2, 2019, always delivering a high standard of client service and support to FPCC staff and Council members. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.

File assignment changes

As a result of Steve Welsh's retirement, FPCC has reassigned the chicken file to Reg Milne, who is well acquainted with the Agency, having had this responsibility a few years ago. Reg is also responsible for the turkey and beef files. Mark Kotipelto is now responsible for the egg file and remains with the hatching egg and pork files.

National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies Meeting

FPCC hosted the National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies meeting on October 18, 2021, which focused on the Grocery Code of Conduct. Ms. Justine Akman, Director General of the Retail and Consumer Task Team at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Mr. Yvon Doyle, Director of Trade and Intergovernmental Policies at the *Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec*, presented the Findings of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Group on Retail Fees in the Canadian Food Industry.

As always, this meeting was a great opportunity to share information across the provinces and discuss the Grocery Code of Conduct topic as well as related challenges affecting agriculture and agri-food sectors. The date for the second meeting is now confirmed for December 6, 2021. The focus will be on Proactive Animal Welfare Inspections.

Complaint from the CPEPC against TFC

On September 29, 2021, Council Vice-Chair, Ron Bonnett, presided over the complaint pre-hearing conference to simplify any issues subject to the Complaint, identify facts raised by the Parties, facilitate discussions and inform participants of Council's roles and powers in hearing the Complaint.

Following the pre-hearing conference, FPCC Chairman, Brian Douglas informed the Parties and stakeholders on the composition of the Complaint Committee. He appointed Council member Maryse Dubé who will preside and proceed with the hearing. The documents related to the complaint are posted on FPCC's website.

Comments or questions?

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