



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 nine times.

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

Council Meeting of September 13 and 14, 2021

Council members met virtually on September 14, 2021, and approved **Chicken Farmers of Canada's** (CFC) proposed changes to the *Canadian Chicken Marketing Quota Regulations* for the A-172 allocation period that runs from September 26, 2021, to November 20, 2021.

Additionally, members reviewed the proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of the *Canadian Egg Marketing Agency Quota Regulations, 1986*, which increased the number of layers by 1.5%. Given the growth in the table egg market as seen in the 2021 retail sales report and the indication of continued growth for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022, Council members approved **Egg Farmers of Canada's** (EFC) Quota amendment.

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.

On September 13, 2021, FPCC had the pleasure of meeting virtually with representatives from the **Canadian Pork Promotion-Research Agency** (PPRA).

Attending on behalf of the PPRA were Chair, Scott Dingwell (PEI Hog Commodity Marketing Board), Secretary and Treasurer, Troy Warren (Canadian Meat Council), Executive Director, John Ross (Canadian Pork Council), and Policy Analyst, Chloé Tremblay (Canadian Pork Council). Mr. Dingwell presented the overall start-up plan of the PPRA as well as the Agency's business plan, budget and activities for the coming year.

On September 14, 2021, Council members reviewed the submission of the *Canadian Pork Promotion-Research Levies Order*. Given the Agency's goals for its first year of operation as presented the previous day, Council approved the business plan, budget and the Levies Order.

Next Council Meetings

FPCC will next meet on October 13, 2021, when it will host the TFC for its annual presentation, along with proposed regulatory amendments for Council decisions. Council members also anticipate meeting on November 3, 2021.

You can keep abreast of Council meetings via the FPCC [website](#).

Council Members Speaking Opportunities

On August 17, 2021, FPCC Vice-Chair, Ron Bonnett, attended by videoconference the Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency Open Board meeting where he provided an update on FPCC's latest activities.

On September 9, 2021, FPCC Chair, Brian Douglas, attended the Egg Farmers of Canada Open Board meetings in Vancouver, BC. This was the first time since March 2020 that a Council member travelled and attended an in-person meeting.

On September 23, 2021, Ron Bonnett attended and presented his update at the TFC Open Board meeting via videoconference.

Other Business

FPCC Staff Update

On September 20, 2021, Jean-François Lefier joined FPCC as Deputy Director of the Sectoral Affairs. Jean-François joins us after 24 years working on agriculture issues at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and at the Canadian Dairy Commission.

He has significant experience working with FPCC stakeholders, as well as leading supply management files in both the domestic and international contexts. More recently, he was the Deputy Director in the Animal Industry Division at AAFC, responsible for supply-managed sectors.

National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies Meeting

FPCC will be hosting the National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies for two virtual meeting this fall. The first meeting scheduled on October 18, 2021, will focus on the Grocery Code of Conduct and the second meeting (date to be determined) will be on Proactive Animal Welfare Inspections. As always, these meetings are a great opportunity to share information across the provinces and discuss related challenges affecting agriculture and agri-food sectors.

The Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council Sectoral Meetings

Recent updates by Council members:

- Further Poultry Association of Canada meeting on September 15 (Ron Bonnett);

The Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council (CPEPC) will be hosting its 2021 Fall sectoral meetings via videoconference in mid-September and throughout October. Planned updates by Council members:

- Canadian Hatching Federation meeting on October 15 (Morgan Moore);
- Joint Egg meeting on October 25 (Yvon Cyr); and,
- Joint Poultry meeting on October 26 (Maryse Dubé).

Complaint from the CPEPC against TFC

On July 13, 2021, FPCC received a complaint from CPEPC with respect to TFC's recent Commercial Allocation for the 2021-2022 control period. FPCC Chairman, Brian Douglas, instructed Council Vice-Chair, Ron Bonnett, to preside over the Pre-Hearing Conference on the complaint scheduled for September 29, 2021. The documents related to the complaint are posted on FPCC's [website](#).



Comments or questions?

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