



Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council
Conseil canadien des transformateurs d'oeufs et de volailles

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Re: Request to postpone feature activities on commodity eggs

Dear Mr. Shurrie,

As you are aware, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has had a significant impact on the global poultry industry, with both US and Canadian poultry production affected by HPAI. Since the spring, over 2 million birds were impacted in Canada, and over 43 million were impacted in the US. Notably, almost 35 million of the birds impacted in the US were table egg layers, pullets or breeders.

We are now in the fall migration season, and we are seeing an increase in the number of HPAI cases on commercial farms across Canada and the US. Our Canadian egg graders are extremely concerned with the impact that HPAI will have in the weeks and months to come on their ability to supply consumer demand, and in particular their ability to supply grocers for egg features.

As such, we are requesting that your members postpone egg features on commodity eggs (sizes M, L, XL) effective Friday, October 14 and until supply normalizes. We understand that some features may have already been scheduled past that date. If grocers choose to move forward with a scheduled egg feature, egg graders may not be able to guarantee supply.

We will continue to keep you updated on the impact of HPAI on egg supply in Canada and will let you know when we believe egg features can safely resume.

We kindly ask that you communicate this information to your membership as soon as possible and thank you for your collaboration on this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Regards,

Jean-Michel Laurin
President & CEO