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Egg Farmers of Ontario



Left to right:
Zone 6 egg
farmer Tonya
Haverkamp in
the studio at
Jewel Radio and
Stephanie Nanne
gets ready at
CTV Morning
Live (Ottawa).

EGGS TAKE CENTRE STAGE DURING WORLD EGG MONTH

October was World Egg Month and Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) took the opportunity to pay tribute to the heart of it all...the egg!

To start the celebrations, home economist and television personality Mairlyn Smith hosted an *Eggs-cellent Egg Quiz* segment on her digital channel *My Left Frying Pan*. Mairlyn presented egg facts in her unique and fun style. To view the segment, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V27tRaDM84A>.

The month-long outreach continued with media appearances starring local egg farmers. Tonya Haverkamp

(Zone 6) was featured on Jewel Radio's *What She Said* program October 7, CTV News at Noon (Kitchener) October 11, CTV Live at 5 (Kitchener) October 12 and CHCH Morning Live (Hamilton) October 13. Stephanie Nanne (Zone 9) was featured on CTV Morning Live (Ottawa) October 13 and Rogers Daytime (Ottawa). Both farmers did an *eggs-cellent* job demonstrating the simplicity of omelettes during the segments.

Registered Dietitian Carol Harrison showed viewers on Rogers TV (Georgina) and CHCH (Hamilton) how to make easy DIY weeknight dinners featuring eggs.

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- Upcoming Zone Meeting Dates

UPCOMING CONTRIBUTIONS BY:

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| December: | Craig Hunter
Zone 9 Director |
| January: | Marc Bourdon
Zone 10 Director |

UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS:

- December 6 & 7
- January 3 & 4

COMMENTS FROM THE COOP

POULTRY DISEASE VIGILANCE IS OUR NEW NORMAL

By Hubert Schillings, Zone 8 Director

Egg and pullet farmers are constantly vigilant about minimizing outbreaks of reportable diseases and working on ways to control outbreaks that do occur. Our job as farmers is to understand our role in biosecurity and disease outbreak management to ensure the protection of our poultry and those of our fellow farmers.

As a sector, Ontario's poultry boards have made tremendous progress in our response capabilities working together under the structure of the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC). The FBCC consists of four boards - Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO), Chicken Farmers of Ontario (CFO), Turkey Farmers of Ontario (TFO) and Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg & Chick Commission (OBHECC) who can work together quickly before, during and after an outbreak of any poultry disease to mitigate further adverse effects and business disruption.

Specifically, during an outbreak, FBCC works with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) to quickly establish an "Infected Zone" - a five kilometre radius around an infected farm - and places strict quarantine measures to stop the spread of disease.

Within these quarantine measures, CFIA requires that all movement of

people, animals and things on and off poultry farms obtain a permit. This means a permit is required for all feed trucks, egg trucks, poultry crews, chick trucks and any other material movement into and out of this zone. For example, without these permits, day-old chicks may not get placed.

Outside of this "Infected Zone", CFIA can establish a "Restricted Zone" - a five to 10 kilometre radius around the "Infected Zone". Within this second zone, permits are required for all movement off farms. However, permits are not required for movement onto farms. For example, there is no movement of manure off farms without a permit from CFIA.

Within Ontario, our industry partners (feed companies, graders, poultry crews, hatcheries, etc.), understand how this permitting system works as a result of the 2015 Avian Influenza (AI) outbreak in the Woodstock area. However, for farmers who have never experienced outbreak protocol, there are things to consider now before an outbreak occurs.

In times of an outbreak, access on and off farms with a permit is frequently limited to once a week. So, consider for your farm; do you have enough cooler space for a once-a-week egg pick up? Do you have 7-plus day feed capacities? If your answer is no, consider your capacity to expand storage space. It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.



Moving forward, our goal at EFO is to support our farmers in times of an outbreak and decrease the impact on the farmer.

Coming in 2018, we are creating AI insurance with the Poultry Insurance Exchange (PIE) Board. Currently, CFIA does not cover all costs during an outbreak resulting in high out-of-pocket expenses for farmers. AI insurance hopes to alleviate these costs and cover expenses not covered by CFIA - like washing and disinfecting an infected barn. Fortunately, AI insurance will be covered by our 25 cent PIE premium and is at no extra cost to our farmers.

Egg Farmers of Ontario is doing its part to plan ahead for disease outbreaks. We as farmers are the first-line defense against poultry outbreaks and must prepare now for the future. It is our responsibility to consider how our farm would adapt in an outbreak, promptly report any flock illnesses and follow CFIA and FBCC protocols in the event of a disease outbreak.

WITH THIS ISSUE

- Avian Influenza Reminder for Poultry Farmers
- Canadian Animal Health Institute - Antibiotic News Release
- Regional Poultry Producer Updates

EFO CONTEST TACKLES HUNGER



Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) and the Ontario Association of Food Banks (OAFB) recently teamed up to help Beat Hunger across Ontario!

Over 1,200

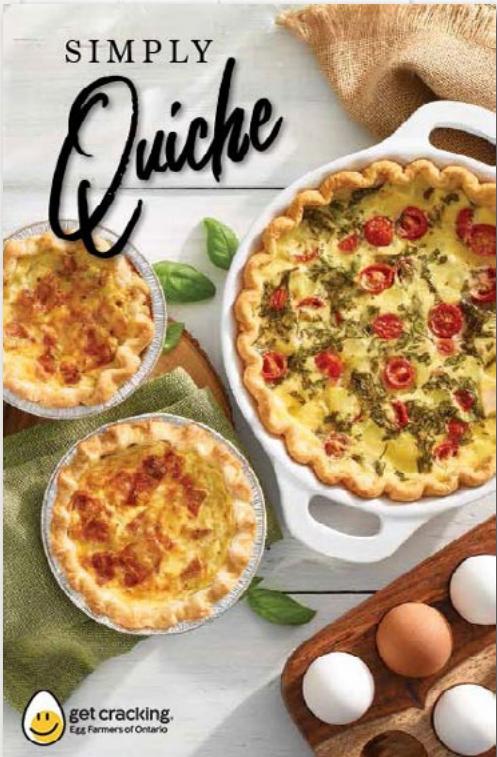
dozen eggs were up for grab through the online competition. Followers of EFO's Facebook page were asked to vote for their local food bank during the month of October.

After almost 40,000 votes being cast, we have a winner! In first place, receiving 600 dozen eggs is Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank; in second place, receiving 400 dozen eggs is Winchester Community Food Share; and in third place, receiving 250 dozen eggs is Georgetown Bread Basket.

Egg Farmers of Ontario will continue to support food banks across the province with their ongoing partnership with the OAFB by donating \$250,000 worth of eggs annually.

For more information about the program visit <https://www.getcracking.ca/article/egg-farmers-ontario-announce-50th-anniversary-food-bank-egg-donation-program>.

EFO SERVES UP NEW QUICHE RECIPES



Just in time to celebrate World Egg Month (WEM), Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) has released a new recipe booklet.

Simply Quiche is a full-colour booklet filled with basic quiche step-by-step instructions followed with four delicious recipes. *Fall Harvest, Quiche Lorraine, Spring Primavera* and *Chicken Caprese Quiche* are all featured in the new resource.

If you would like to receive copies of the recipe booklet for an upcoming event, please contact Donna at dlange@getcracking.ca. For these recipes and more, visit www.getcracking.ca/recipes.

Quiche takes centre stage in EFO's latest recipe resource.

2018 ZONE MEETINGS FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS', DELEGATES AND DIRECTORS

All egg farmers and pullet growers are urged to attend their annual Zone meetings to elect their Councillors', Delegates and Director for the year.

The Zone meeting dates* are as follows:

Zone	Date
1	February 5
2	February 5
3	January 9
4	January 10
5	February 13
6	January 16
7	February 22
8	January 17
9	February 1
10	January 24
Pullet	March 27

* Location and times to be confirmed.

EGG FARMING ON DISPLAY AT THE RAWF



Consumers visiting EFO's egg education trailer during the RAWF.

Another season at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF) has come to an end and thanks to our farmer volunteers', EFO's egg education trailer was a great success. Consumers had the opportunity to speak directly with egg farmers, see hens on display and learn all about egg farming in Ontario.

For those who love cooking, EFO was part of the *Farm to Table* series, held on the *Burnbrae Farms Food and Lifestyle Stage*, with daily food demonstrations featuring local chefs. Egg farmers were also on-hand to participate in the shows.

2017 PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(in boxes of 15 dozen)

Ontario Production (week ending #36)

2017 – 12,239,171

2016 – 11,391,085

Ontario IP (week ending #36)

2017 – 3,052,559

2016 – 2,571,727

Ontario EFP (week ending #36)

2017 – 820,869

2016 – 821,208

US Shell Egg Imports to Ontario (week ending October 14, 2017, #41)

2017 – 1,044,234

2016 – 1,595,846

With Sympathy
Egg Farmers of Ontario would like to express our deepest condolences to the Brulotte family.

Helen Brulotte (Zone 2) passed away October 18 in her 94th year and is survived by her four children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Our thoughts are with the family during this time.

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EGGS IN THE NEWS

Egg Farmers of Ontario donates 1,250 dozen eggs to local food banks

Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) is donating farm fresh eggs to three local food banks through its Help Beat Hunger campaign.

Through the month of October, communities across the province cast 40,000 online votes to maximize their local food bank's chances of winning the donation.

The Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank in Cambridge, Ont. received the most votes and will welcome 600 dozen eggs to its Ainslie St. facility.

The food bank feeds more than 1,000 families every month, meaning this donation will go a long way towards help those in need, says Pat Singleton, executive director of the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank.

"Our families might not have the income to buy things like eggs and meat, so this donation allows them to enjoy some of those products."

EFO's initiative also serves as a call to action to help families in need throughout Ontario.

If more communities hear about these kinds of donations, they may be inspired to donate to their local food banks, said Scott Helps, Vice Chair of EFO board of directors and an egg producer from Lambton County.

"Food banks have their challenges and these initiatives are a good way to get (the message) out there that there are families in need," he told Farms.com today. "And the end result is a positive for everyone."

"It's a great way for farmers to give back to their communities," he said. "If we can build these relationships and use information to spread the word about farming, it can be a great benefit all around."

Winchester Community Food Share in Winchester, Ont. will receive 400 dozen eggs and Georgetown Bread Basket in Halton Hills, Ont. will receive 250 dozen eggs.

Farms.com, by Diego Flammini, November 7

How to contact EFO Zone Directors

Your Directors are available to address any questions and comments you may have pertaining to your industry.

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Egg Farmers of Ontario Mission Statement The Mission of Egg Farmers of Ontario is to provide customers with a supply of safe, high-quality eggs at a fair price and a return to egg and pullet farmers achieved through fair farm pricing, within a stable national supply management system.



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FARMER NOTICES

WEBSITE UPDATES DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL!

A feature of the farmer website, www.getcracking.ca/members offers a Rich Site Summary (RSS). This is a format for delivering regularly changing web content.

Egg and pullet farmers who subscribe to this feed will receive any updates to the website via email.

Please visit <https://www.getcracking.ca/members> to sign up.

EFO POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES ONLINE

Reminder: New policies and procedures will be updated and posted on EFO's farmer website at www.getcracking.ca/members/operations-quota as they come into effect and will no longer be mailed to all farmers.

Policies, procedures and documents posted on EFO's farmer website contain the most up-to-date versions and should be used for all policy interpretation and quota transactions. Please check this site frequently.

If further information or clarification on any matter is required, farmers should contact EFO's office.

To celebrate Christmas & the New Year, EFO's office will close at the end of the work day Friday, December 22 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.