



BC MEATING NEWS

Welcome to the BCFPA's **BC Meating News**, providing information towards increasing livestock harvest and sales of high-quality, safe, BC-produced-and-processed meat products. This is a monthly publication of the Meat Industry Enhancement Strategy (MIES).

Slaughterhouse Licenses under the Animal Disease Control Act and Regulations

Not everyone is aware that slaughterhouse operators require not only a Slaughter Establishment License under the Meat Inspection Regulation from the BC Center for Disease Control, but also a Slaughterhouse License under the Animal Disease Control Act and Regulations from the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. This latter license is an annual one which expires on March 31 of every year. The application fee is \$58. Anyone who has held a slaughterhouse license in the current year will usually receive a renewal notice from BC MAL.

Livestock owners who raise livestock and have had possession of the animals from birth or for a period of at least three months and who slaughter them on their own property are exempt from this licensing requirement, unless the animals were purchased for the purpose of slaughtering them and selling the meat (e.g. feeder calves). Slaughterhouses that purchase livestock for slaughter are also required to be bonded; the bond amount is based on the number of livestock purchased.

Application forms are available from the Ministry Web site at <http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/lhmr/forms/slaughterhouse.pdf>. For questions please contact the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands at 1.877.877.2474.

BCAC launches Farm Animal Care Council

In October 2009 the BC Agriculture Council announced the launch of a five-year initiative relating to farm animal welfare, the BC Farm Animal Care Council. Geraldine Auston has been hired as the General Manager of this body, which will communicate with the agriculture industry and other interested parties regarding animal care issues. It will also monitor legislation and research ways to promote animal care best practices, e.g. for handling livestock emergencies. To date it has offered training for livestock transporters. For more information about the Farm Animal Care Council, call 604.820.4451, email info@bcfacc.ca or see www.bcfacc.ca.

Farmhouse Poultry featured in Harrowsmith Country Life

Cowichan Bay Farm on Vancouver Island and its poultry processing facility Island Farmhouse Poultry are featured in the October 2009 issue of Harrowsmith Country Life - http://www.harrowsmithcountrylife.ca/current_issue.htm

Congratulations to the Young family!

Meat is Neat blog

The blog of meat scientist Dr. Chris Raines, Extension Meats Specialist and Assistant Professor at Penn State University follows his experiences and thoughts about meat as food – where it comes from, how it's produced, how people consume it, and its health implications. See <http://meatisneat.wordpress.com/>

Slow Money – putting your money where your mouth is

Slow Money is a new US non-profit organization spearheading an international movement to bring money “back down to Earth.” Taking its name from the Slow Food movement, Slow Money's mission is to build local and national networks, and develop new financial products and services, dedicated to:

- investing in small food enterprises and local food systems;
- connecting investors to their local economies; and,
- building the nurture capital industry.

See their Web site for more information: <http://www.slowmoneyalliance.org/>

For further information and access to more on-line resources, visit our Web site at www.bcfpa.ca/mies.html

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