

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING BOARD
pursuant to the **NATURAL PRODUCTS MARKETING (BC) ACT (The Act)**
and the **BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING SCHEME (the Scheme)**
FARM PRACTICES REGULATION 2006/2008

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This regulation shall be known as the “Farm Practices Regulation 2006/2008” and shall come into force on 2006 and be in effect until 26th April 2008.

Food Safety and Bio Security

1. All growers, regardless of license class, are subject to all government and/or board approved on-farm food safety (OFFSAP) and bio security protocols.
2. All growers, regardless of license class, are subject to bio security protocols endorsed by the industry as stipulated in the B.C. Poultry Industry Bio Security Manual.
3. All growers, regardless of license class, are subject to OFFSAP audits and certification.
4. The Board shall ensure all non-government, Board-approved on-farm food safety and bio-security protocols are adapted to meet the unique requirements of certified organic production while recognizing and retaining the core principles of on-farm food safety and bio-security.

Minimum Space Requirements

5. Every grower, regardless of class of license, shall provide at least minimum space of confined and covered housing for the production of each turkey anticipated to be shipped as follows:

hen type turkeys to be marketed at less than 6 kg live	= 0.15 sq m (1.61 sq ft)
hen type turkeys to be marketed at more than 6 kg live	= 0.20 sq m (2.15 sq ft)
tom type turkeys to be marketed at less than 13 kg live	= 0.30 sq m (3.22 sq ft)
tom type turkeys to be marketed at more than 13 kg live	= 0.35 sq m (3.75 sq ft)

Notwithstanding the above, every grower shall provide enough space to enable the turkeys to stand normally, turn around and stretch their wings without difficulty.

Grower’s Programme

6. Every grower, regardless of class of license, shall prepare a written grower’s programme to be countersigned by a processor or turkey broker, and a hatchery or poult broker, and filed with the Board by the 15th day of January before the commencement of the quota year to which the programme relates. In the case of direct vendor (small lot) growers planning to direct market the regulated product, they are to have their Grower’s Program counter signed by the government-inspected plant that are “custom killing” their turkeys.
7. Any amendments to a grower’s programme shall be immediately filed by the grower with the Board.

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Transport Orders

8. Every grower shall, at the time the grower receives any poults, submit to the Board a poult placement card in a form prescribed by the Board. The poult placement card will include the following information
 - a. the grower's name and number,
 - b. the address of where the turkeys are being grown,
 - c. the name of the hatchery or poult broker or other person who supplied the poults,
 - d. the strain of the poults being placed,
 - e. the date the poults were received,
 - f. the number and type of poults placed (Light hens, Heavy hens, Light toms, Heavy toms),
 - g. the anticipated date(s) of marketing the turkeys,
 - h. the name of the agency to whom the turkeys are to be shipped, including all turkeys to be self marketed as direct sales,
 - i. the name of the trucker who will be transporting the turkeys, including all turkeys to be self trucked,
 - j. the signature of the grower or the grower's agent.
9. Provided that all required information included in the poult placement card is found to be in order, the board shall issue a transport order to the grower, the transporter and the agency.
10. No person shall transport regulated product unless the person is in possession of a transport order issued by the Board authorizing and directing the transportation of the regulated product.
11. No grower shall market any regulated product, authorized to be transported under one allocation, under any other allocation, without the prior written consent of the Board in the form of a re-issued transport order.
12. No agency shall receive regulated product unless the agency is in possession of a transport order issued by the Board authorizing and directing the transportation of the regulated product.

Rental of Facilities

13. A grower who wishes to rent facilities from any person must make application to the Board for approval of the rental arrangement. The Board shall approve a rental arrangement only if it satisfies the following criteria:
 - a. the application must be accompanied by a valid and legally enforceable rental agreement; and
 - b. the rental agreement must be for a minimum term of one year and a maximum term of ten years. (*The Board recommends that any rental agreement with a term greater than three years should be registered with the Land Title Office.*)

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- c. the renter must receive Board approval of the rental arrangement before placing any poults in the rented facilities.

The Board, at its discretion, may exempt any person(s) of any of the sections of this Regulation upon an application by such a person and due consideration of the matter including consultation with any other person(s) who might be affected by such an exemption.

Signed and dated at Surrey, British Columbia, this July 2006 for and on behalf of the **BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING BOARD**.

Ronald Charles, Chairman

Eric Andrew, Vice-Chairman

Les Burm, Member

Shawn Heppell, Member