



Farm Insight

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Managing Farmer Costs: OFFSAP Policy Reminders

As communicated at the Fall 2010 Regional Meetings and in the October 2010 issue of Farm Insight, the penalties and cost recovery charges section of the OFFSAP Policy was revised and expanded as part of CFO's commitment to Safe, Smart Farming.

These revisions were made to ensure all Ontario chicken farmers meet compliance without placing unnecessary costs on all farmers.

Penalties are actively being applied to non-compliant farmers. Please note that Field Service Representatives (FSR) will no longer be placing courtesy calls to remind farmers to schedule appointments.

Non-compliance penalties

Farmers will be subject to an initial crop quota reduction of 1000 kg and a further 1000 kg crop quota reduction every 30 days that non-compliance continues for the following:

- A farmer who fails to submit complete records for a "Records Assessment", "Self Declaration" by the date indicated in the audit request letter
- A farmer who fails to submit records or information by the specified date on a written Corrective Action (CA) request
- A farmer who fails to contact their FSR to schedule an on-farm audit by the date indicated in the audit request letter
- A farmer who fails to pay a cost recovery invoice by the specified date
- If your farm is visited by a FSR in response to a valid complaint you will be responsible for paying \$500 as a cost recovery service charge.
- If further visits are required by a FSR to resolve the CA issued as a result of the valid complaint, the farmer will be responsible for paying an additional \$350 per visit as a cost recovery service charge.
- Farmers who are subject to a triggered audit will be required to pay \$575 as a cost recovery service charge.

Important items to note in the revised policy are:

- Farmers who receive two or more farm visits for the same CA will be responsible for paying \$350 for each visit as a cost recovery service charge.

CFO encourages all farmers to familiarize themselves with the revised policy. The policy can be found at www.ontariochicken.ca under the Farmer Resource section, OFFSAP Policy 166-2004.

If you have any questions, please contact Carl Stevenson, Manager, Field Services at 289-288-4217 or carl.stevenson@ontariochicken.ca

Fall 2011 Regional Meetings – Save the Date!

Don't miss the 2011 Regional Meetings! Meetings will begin with registration at 9:30am and will run from 10:00am – 3:00pm – lunch included! Stay tuned for information on **agenda topics** and how to **register**.

Farmer Meetings

Sept 28

Arden Park Hotel
552 Ontario Street
Stratford, ON N5A 6W4

Oct 5

Oshawa Quality Inn
(Formerly the Holiday Inn)
1011 Bloor St E
Oshawa, ON L1H 7K6

Oct 12

Grand River Raceway
7445 Wellington County Rd. #21
Elora, ON N0B 1S0

Oct 17

Canadian War Plane Museum
9280 Airport Road, (at the
Hamilton International Airport)
Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0

All Industry Meeting

Oct 24

**Delta Guelph Hotel &
Conference Centre**
50 Stone Rd. W.
Guelph, ON N1G 0A9

Here's what farmers thought of the 2010 Regional Meetings:

"Valuable information was shared – I'd like to see more farmers attend these meetings."

"I thought the presentations were well done and surprisingly interesting."

"The meeting was really well put together – a lot of information with some great guest speakers."
"Great location, great topics, great food!"

Farmer Volunteers Needed for Renewable Energy (RE) Technologies Research

The University of Guelph School of Engineering and the Poultry Industry Council are working together to develop a "Complimentary Energy Decision Support Tool"(CEDST). This tool will be a calculator designed for agricultural applications of Renewable Energy (RE) technologies. Farmers will be able to input data about their operation, and the CEDST will output a comparison between different RE systems (wind, solar PV, anaerobic digestion, geothermal, etc.). The farmer will then be able to assess which project would be the most financially viable for them.

In order to increase the prediction accuracy of the CEDST calculator, the CEDST development team is looking for individuals who have installed operational RE systems on their property. Using information on the RE system energy production, the CEDST team will be able to

compare the results of the actual RE systems to what is predicted by the calculator. This will help increase the accuracy of predictions by identifying areas with inaccuracies or problems.

The CEDST team is seeking individuals who:

- Have installed renewable energy systems on their property
 - Wind Turbine
 - Solar PV
 - Geothermal
 - Solar Thermal
 - Anaerobic Digestion
 - Etc.
- If the system is no longer in operation:
 - has data on the energy production of the system
- If the system is operational:
 - Is currently recording the energy production of the system

OR

- Is willing to monitor their system with help from the University of Guelph
- Have experience with RE in an agricultural settings
- Have investigated RE technologies for their property or operation and have feedback on the RE evaluation process

Individuals interested in helping out with this project should contact Stephanie Shaw or Daniel Roth: cedst@uoguelph.ca or call 519-824-4120 ext. 58263.

To share your opinion regarding the renewable energy technologies installed on your operation, please visit <http://www.poultryindustrycouncil.ca/education/cedst.php>