



Farm Insight

Your timely source for farm business information and ideas

Policy Update: OFFSAP Policy - non-compliance penalties and cost recovery charges

Chicken Farmers of Ontario's On-Farm Food Safety Assurance Program (OFFSAP) plays a pivotal role in ensuring Ontario chicken farmers can deliver a safe, high quality product to consumers and that's why full compliance with the program is so important. As part of CFO's commitment to Safe, Smart Farming, the penalties and cost recovery charges section of the OFFSAP Policy has been revised and expanded effective November 2010 following the Insight Meetings.

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

Important items to note in the revised policy are:

- Farmers who receive two or more farm visits for the same Corrective Action (CA) will be responsible for

paying \$350 for each visit as a cost recovery service charge.

- If your farm is visited by a Field Service Representative (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.

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 pay a cost recovery invoice by the specified date

- A farmer who fails to submit records or information by the specified date on a written CA request
- A farmer who fails to submit complete records for a "Records Assessment", "Self Declaration" or schedule an "Audit" by the specified date

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'd like to learn more and have the opportunity to ask questions about the changes to the OFFSAP Policy, join us this fall at one of our **Insight 2010 meetings.**

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Farmer Only Meetings

Wednesday Oct 13 - Jerseyville
Ancaster Fairgrounds
630 Trinity Rd. RR #1

Tuesday Oct 26 - Elora
Grand River Raceway
7445 Wellington County Rd. #21

Wednesday Oct 27 - Oshawa
Holiday Inn
1011 Bloor St. E.

Thursday Nov 4 - Stratford
Arden Park Hotel
552 Ontario St.

All Industry Welcome

Wednesday Nov 3 - Guelph - Delta
Guelph Hotel & Conference Centre
50 Stone Rd. W.

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289-288-4206

Important Dates

Form 201s

Quota Period A-103 Form 201
deadline Oct 22, 2010

Quota Period A-104 Form 201
deadline Dec 17, 2010

Form 101s

Quota Period A-103 Form 101
contracting begins Nov 5, 2010

Quota Period A-103 Form 101
contracting ends and Form 101s
are due Nov 19, 2010

Quota Period A-104 Form 101
contracting begins Dec 30, 2010

Quota Period A-104 Form 101
contracting ends and Form 101s
are due Jan 14, 2011

Market Development Assessments

A-102 due on Dec 8, 2010