

The Cackler

The latest EFO news



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FCC, OFA, PIC & more!



Recipe of the Month: Raspberry Lemon Tiramisu



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Healthy meals with less waste!



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Education events



Spice it up!

Latest recipe cards from EFO are a spicy treat

Who said gingerbread is just for the holidays? EFO took a traditional treat and gave it fresh direction with our [Gingerbread Travel Cakes](#) recipe.

These bite-sized mini cakes are a perfect snack for picnics, barbecues, camping and whatever summer event you have. Deliciously soft on the outside but chewy

on the inside, these cakes are sure to become your new favourite!

To spread the word about this recipe, EFO had them made into the first spice card of the season. The cards featured the Leroux family (Zone 10) and will be given out at events throughout the spring and summer. Over 30,000 Ontario cards were printed

in English, 1,500 in French and 11,000 were printed for provincial egg boards in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

If you would like to place an order for an event, please contact Sarah Brien (sbrien@getcracking.ca).

Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings: June 4 & 5 | July 2 & 3

With this issue: EFC Press Release, Code of Practice Amendment

Wet washing and dry-cleaning definitions

Egg Farmers of Canada recently clarified the difference between wet-washing and dry-cleaning facilities as required by the *Start Clean-Stay Clean Program*.

The definition of the two types of cleaning practices are as follows:

Wet wash:

- i. A wet wash means to pressure wash the entire facility with a detergent. This includes the housing systems, walls, ceilings, rafters, fans, heaters, wire mesh, drinkers, feed troughs and conveying equipment.
- ii. Dry cleaning to remove most of the organic material in advance of pressure wet wash is desirable.
- iii. Wet wash and dry cleaning followed by a disinfection.

If any part of the facility is not wet washed with a detergent, then it will be considered a dry clean, as defined below.

Dry cleaning:

- i. Removing organic material from the facility without the use of water and/or detergent, followed by a disinfection.

ii. Although not ideal, in certain instances (climate, equipment electronics and warranties, building design, provincial environmental regulations/municipal environmental by-laws) dry cleaning may be the only means of cleaning.

iii. Should a farmer choose to dry clean, the laying facility must be swab tested for Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) by EFO inspectors 8 weeks prior to repopulation.

It is the farmer's responsibility to notify their inspector of the need for the later SE test. A third test will NOT be done if the farmer failed to inform the inspectors and the last test has already been done.

Disinfection

i. Disinfection must be conducted following both a wet wash and a dry clean.

Audit Requirements:

Farmers will receive full points for these elements if:

- a. The farmer has pressure wet-washed with detergent and disinfected the entire facility and has met the 7-day downtime requirement.

b. The farmer has pressure wet-washed with detergent and disinfected the entire facility, did not meet the 7-day downtime requirement, but has conducted an SE test, and has a letter from the egg board acknowledging the reason for the reduced downtime.

c. Farmer has completed a dry-clean, has disinfected, and has had an SE test done 8 weeks prior to repopulation. The farmer must have the negative result for review by the auditor.

Recommended Practices for Cleaning Disinfecting Regulated Egg Layer Barns and Regulated/Registered Pullet Barns is available on EFO Online or by contacting Pam Kuipers pamk@getcracking.ca



Quota Credit Policy

Effective immediately, EFO's Board has implemented an interim change to the Quota Credit Policy by eliminating the requirement that applications for short-placement credits be submitted before the initial count. Applications can now be submitted once the initial count has occurred, confirming the need to apply for quota credits for a short placement. Applications must be submitted while the flock is still in production.

This adjustment will be in place for up to one year and EFO staff will monitor the impacts of this change, if any.

If you have questions about the Quota Credit Policy, please contact Ryan Kwok, Inventory and Quota System Analyst, at rkwok@getcracking.ca.

Extended Lay Project Update

EFO is pleased to provide a progress report of the Extended Lay Project, initiated under the direction of the Board and managed by EFO's Production Management Committee (PMC). This important project, which is being

conducted as part of the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan, is exploring the potential benefits of extending the current 52-week laying cycle in the Ontario egg industry.

Working closely with a consultant, the project team has conducted a comprehensive literature and research review. The objective of the review was to assess the economic, environmental, animal welfare, and operational impacts of longer laying cycles. The PMC has also thoroughly discussed different system options including their respective advantages and disadvantages.

A detailed update on the project's progress and findings will be presented at the upcoming workshop in November 2024. We look forward to sharing more information with our members and stakeholders at that time.

Notice

Change in third-party audit contractor

Egg Farmers of Canada recently conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for third-party audits.

As a result, effective April 26, 2024, third-party audits will be conducted by MSVS Canada Inc., but you will not see a change in auditors visiting your farm. All auditors shall carry government-issued photo identification for your security. In Ontario, approved third-party auditors include Jovana Mitich, Amber Yantzi, Eloise Denis, Penny Lawlis and Stephane Beaudoin.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Pam Kuipers, EFO Project Manager (pamk@getcracking.ca).

Industry UPDATE

Canadian Poultry

Canadian Poultry is hosting a three-part Biosecurity Webinar Series in June, with presentations from biosecurity experts to keep you informed and keep your farm safe.

The webinar dates are June 6, 13 and 20 (all at 3 p.m.) and cost \$49.99 for all three sessions. To register, visit [here](#).

Farm Credit Canada (FCC)

In the latest update from FCC Knowledge, the following articles were recently shared:

[Managing your farm business: Making better financial decisions](#) - this three-part video series provides business tips to help you take things to the next level.

[Best practices to improve your cyber resilience](#): Cyber threats aren't just against large corporations anymore. Learn how to protect your farm business from cyber criminals.

Did you know FCC has a Will and Estate Pre-Planning Tool? It's designed to help you understand issues and facilitate better conversations with your family and advisors. To get started, click [here](#).

Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC)

Save the date for LRIC's 2024 Symposium on Engineering a Better Farm on June 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Elora.

For more information about this event, visit <https://livestockresearch.ca/events>.

Ontario Agri Business Association (OABA)

OABA will be holding an advanced lead hand training program on October 9 in Guelph. This session includes topics such as leadership, communication and performance management for key operational staff. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.oaba.on.ca/files/LH-Advanced-Oct2024.pdf>.

In addition, OABA will be holding two golf days this summer:

[Western Ontario \(July 9, Woodstock\)](#)

[Eastern Ontario \(July 16, Lansdowne\)](#)

Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)

OFA is accepting applications for their 2024 bursary program. Applicants must reside in Ontario, be a member, child or employee of a current OFA member, demonstrate an interest in agriculture or rural issues and demonstrate leadership and community involvement. Application deadline is August 31, 2024. For more information visit ofa.on.ca/bursary2024/.

OFA is addressing concerns regarding the proposed increase to Canada's capital gains inclusion rate. For more information on what this means to Ontario farmers, click [here](#). Proposed measures will take effect on June 25, 2024.

Poultry Industry Council (PIC)

FBCC issued an Avian Metapneumovirus (aMPV) biosecurity advisory May 6 with the detection of aMPV in two Ontario turkey flocks. On May 13, FBCC heightened the advisory in Middlesex, Oxford and Perth Counties.

In chickens, aMPV includes high mortality, respiratory tract issues and similar symptoms to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

PIC would like to remind everyone to be following heightened [biosecurity protocols](#).

Poultry Health Day is set for Wednesday, June 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Stratford. This session features a number of speakers regarding gut health, nutrition, prebiotics and probiotics and will also include a veterinarian panel on gut health treatment. To learn more about Poultry Health Day or to register, visit poultryindustrycouncil.ca/education/poultry-health-day.

A Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) poultry welfare auditor course is being held in Guelph on October 29-31. This training program includes broilers, turkeys and layers. More information will be provided in the near future.

Don't forget to save the date for PIC's 2024 golf tournament on Wednesday, September 4!

Pullet Growers of Canada (PGC)

PGC held its Annual General Meeting on April 9 in Montreal to review the previous year's activities and discuss future plans. Prior to the AGM, the PGC Board held a meeting where they elected the 2024 officers. Alvin Brunsveld, EFO Pullet Director was elected as PGC Vice Chair and Director representing Ontario.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS (in boxes of 15 dozen)

Ontario Production (week ending #12)

2024 - 4,623,558

2023 - 4,521,371

Ontario IP (week ending #12)

2024 - 599,320

2023 - 647,137

Ontario EFP (week ending #12)

2024 - 311,557

2023 - 311,335

US Shell Egg Imports to Ontario (week ending April 20, 2024 - #16)

2024 - 656,869

2023 - 715,353

Reminder:

Presentations and recordings from the sessions presented during EFO's 59th Annual General Meeting on March 7-8, 2024 are now available online.



[ACCESS THEM HERE!](#)





Watch how to make it here!

Raspberry Lemon Tiramisu

Servings: 15
Prep Time: 50 minutes
Cook Time: 9 minutes

Ingredients

1 cup (250 ml) seedless raspberry jam
¼ cup (60 ml) water
2 tsp (10 ml) lemon zest
½ cup (75 ml) fresh lemon juice
6 egg yolks
¾ cup (175 ml) granulated sugar
500 g mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
½ cup (125 ml) homemade or store-bought lemon curd
2 cups (500 ml) 35% whipping cream
2 tsp (10 ml) vanilla extract
400 g lady fingers (about 44)
2 cups (500 ml) fresh raspberries, divided
30 g good-quality dark chocolate

DIRECTIONS

In a medium bowl, whisk together jam, water, lemon zest and juice. Set aside.

Bring 2-inches of water to a simmer in a medium pot.

In a large heatproof bowl, whisk yolks with sugar. Set bowl over pot of simmering water ensuring bottom of bowl does not touch water. With an electric hand mixer on medium speed, whip yolks and sugar until pale yellow, thickened and doubled in size, about 9 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool for 5 minutes. Beat mascarpone cheese into cooled yolk mixture until blended. Fold in lemon curd.

In a large bowl, with an electric mixer, whip cream with vanilla to stiff peaks. Fold one-third of whipped cream into egg mixture, then fold in remaining cream mixture until combined.

Dip lady fingers, 2 at a time into raspberry mixture to coat cookies. Arrange in a single layer in a 9 x 13-inch baking pan. Dollop half of cream mixture over lady fingers, spreading to an even layer. Sprinkle 1 cup (250 ml) raspberries over cream, pressing lightly. Cover with another layer of dipped lady fingers. Spread remaining cream mixture on top.

Cover tiramisu with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight to soften lady fingers.

To serve, finely grate chocolate over tiramisu and sprinkle with remaining raspberries.

Nutrition Update

Dietitian shares healthy meals with less waste



KITCHEN SPRING CLEANING

Andrea D'Ambrosio with CHCH host Tim Bolen.

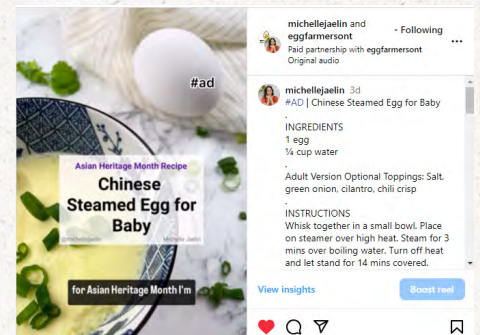
Registered Dietitian (RD) Andrea D'Ambrosio visited the CHCH *Morning Live* studio with a segment on reducing food waste by spring cleaning your kitchen.

Using EFO's *Meal Plan Like a Pro* resource, Andrea shared tips on meal planning and using up on-hand ingredients that can be combined with eggs to make delicious and healthy meals.

As a result of the segment, EFO sent out more than 510 orders for the Meal Plan resource to healthcare providers and consumers. To view the segment, visit <https://www.chch.com/top-3-tips-to-spring-clean-your-kitchen-to-reduce-food-waste/>.

Nutrition outreach continued in May with RD Christina Ioboni sharing content the week of May 12-18 for Food Allergy Awareness Week. The recommendation from the Canadian Paediatric Society and Food Allergy Canada is to introduce high allergen foods like eggs and peanut butter at six months of age, as research has shown that eating eggs early could prevent an allergy in high-risk infants. With that in mind, Christina shared some tips for introducing eggs to baby to reduce the risk of allergies.

Finally, Michelle Jaelin, RD, shared content via Instagram to celebrate Asian Heritage Month as leverage. Michelle shared how to make Chinese steamed eggs as a first food for babies and how to modify it as a spicier option for hungry parents.



Instagram post from Michelle Jaelin.

Farmer Updates

For Sale:

Farmer Augomatic Eco 2 enriched cages, six years old. 4 rows, 4 high, 6,656 bird capacity.

Call Tom: 519-955-5258

For Sale:

170 ft of 14 inch Farmer Automatic egg conveyor. I have 2 double-drive drive units - can be all one conveyor length or 2 separate conveyors.

Contact Dan: 519-801-5216

Egg Team Update

EFO's Policy and Strategic Initiatives (PSI)

Department is pleased to welcome a new team

member. Isabelle Reid joined the Egg Team on April 29 as the Quota Coordinator.

Isabelle joins EFO with experience in agriculture, having performed various roles on her family farm, including Operations and Management responsibilities.

Isabelle will play a pivotal role in ensuring the efficiency and integrity of our quota transfer process. Welcome Isabelle!



The Lambton Central Collegiate & Vocational Institute in Petrolia hosted a job fair on April 30. Past EFO Chair Carolynne Griffith attended the event and set-up an *eggs-cellent* display featuring educational resources, shopping pads and promotional items.

EF ONLINE

Did you know?

The Pullet Contract Template is found in My Documents online?

Step 1:

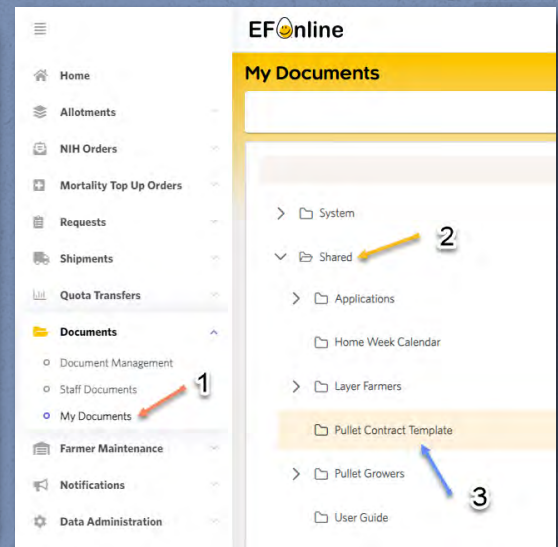
Go to your homepage and click on "documents" on the left side menu.

Step 2:

Click on "my documents" then click on "Shared."

Step 3:

Click on the folder named "Pullet Contract Template" and that's it!



REMINDER: ACCESS INFORMATION ONLINE

Have you signed up to receive EFO's RSS feed yet?

Receive weekly alerts of any information that is posted to EFO's member website, including monthly issues of *The Cackler*.

To sign up, visit getcracking.ca/members/member-farmer-news.

Still need help?

Just call us!

1 (800) 387-8360

Outreach Update

Activities taking place across the province

Fairs and Events

EFO participated in the *Think Ag Career competition* hosted by AgScape on May 15 and 16.

Zone 4 egg farmer Josiah Mullet Koop visited students of West Niagara Secondary School in Beamsville on May 15 to share egg farming facts, discuss potential careers in agriculture and test students on their egg know in a fun trivia game. The next day, Josiah led a second event at Sir Winston Churchill in Saint Catharines.

Both days featured two one-hour rotations of about 250 students each day.

In addition to EFO, other agricultural organizations such as Beef Farmers of Ontario, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Grain Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Genomics, and Soil Crop Health attended the career focused day.

Spring events are underway, with the first Breakfast from the Farm event taking place April 6 in Elmira. The event combined with the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival and EFO was a Guardian level sponsor, and featured our large education trailer along with farmer volunteers.

EFO also participated in Durham Farm Connections, Grown in Grey and Roots of Bruce.

Government Outreach

In April, Kevin Laviolette (Zone 10) participated in the Rural Economic Development Roundtable with Minister Lisa Thompson.

Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, took time out to visit Ferme Avicole Laviolette Inc. and the Laviolette family on May 10.



Above (from top): Josiah Mullet Koop and Emma Anifowose get ready to meet students at the Think Ag Career competition; and EFO display at the Grown in Grey event.

Below (from top): Kevin Laviolette with Minister Thompson at the Rural Economic Roundtable; and bottom, the Laviolette family met with Bonnie Crombie and staff in May.



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EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO MISSION STATEMENT

To lead a progressive and thriving egg sector committed to high-quality eggs, consumer choice and sustainable practices.