

## BC Pricing and Export Policy Review Committee

Industry Survey

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### Overview

The BC Turkey Marketing Board (BCTMB) established an Advisory Committee in September 2025 to provide it with advice and recommendations regarding BC's Export Policy. This was done in response to requests from the processors in early 2025 that BC consider updating its policy to align with the policies in other provinces.

### Background

Processors export turkey parts out of BC to international markets through Section 1 of Turkey Farmers of Canada's (TFC) Export Policy. This allows the exported product to be regrown so we have enough to meet domestic demand. As a province, BC is capped at 1,562,770 kg (live weight) of exports under Section 1 each quota year. This amount is separate from BC's base commercial quota allocation which is currently 20,553,110 kg (live weight) for the 2025/2026 quota year.

BCTMB's Export Policy outlines how the credits for export production – which exceed growers' base quota allocations – are distributed amongst the processors and growers. The policy provides an avenue for federally inspected processing plants to let the Board know how many regrow credits they would like due to their planned amount of exports for the year. Each plant is allowed to request up to a set amount and has the chance to request more credits if they are available (i.e., in the event that another processor chooses not to utilize their credits). Once the export intentions for each processor are known, the Board office then applies the export credits pro rata to each grower who ships to the exporting processor. Growers can see their export credits at the top of their Grower Summary. The credits are not attributed to specific flocks that the grower is raising but rather included in their overall production allowance for the year.

In other turkey-producing provinces and other poultry sectors (e.g., BC chicken), growers pay for the use of export credits each year. The payment for use of export credits is to offset the costs processors face by exporting turkey parts which are often by-products of what is needed for the domestic market. Lease rates and methods of setting the rate vary by province and industry. For example:

- Negotiated rate between BC chicken growers and processors
- Board-set rate of \$0.18/kg in Alberta
- Board-set rate of \$0.12/kg in Saskatchewan
- Negotiated rate between Ontario turkey growers and processors, capped at TFC's interprovincial lease rate (currently \$0.26/kg)

After reviewing BC's Export Policy and discussing export policies in other jurisdictions, the Advisory Committee is now [looking for feedback from BC turkey growers and processors](#). After reviewing the feedback, the committee will make recommendations to the BCTMB on whether changes should be made to BC's Export Policy and, if yes, what those changes should be. The BCTMB retains final decision-making authority over all policy decisions.