



# Memo

**To:** BC Chicken Industry

**Date:** September 1, 2023

**From:** BCCMB

**Re:** Catching Cost Increase for quota period A-185

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The Board has received a request to increase the price of catching included in the posted live price of chicken in BC. Changes in catching costs must be approved by the BCCMB in advance of the period. The Board sought and received input from the Pricing & Production Advisory Committee (PPAC) prior to making their decision. The PPAC acknowledged that costs are going up across the industry, including catching, and that the catching contractors provide an important service within the BC Chicken industry. The PPAC did not come to a consensus recommendation on the request for a change to the catching price included in the posted live price of chicken in BC.

The Board acknowledged the inherent difficulties in assessing private catching companies and made its decision through the SAFETI lens. After consultation with the PPAC, the decision of the Board was to ratify the agreement made between the processors and the catching crews to pass through a catching cost increase from 4.0 cents/kg to 4.85 cents/kg effective for quota period A-185 (commencing September 24, 2023).

Further the Board agreed to move the upper and lower guardrails by \$0.085/kg resulting in the lower guardrail becoming \$0.1090 and the upper guardrail becoming \$0.1369/kg effective in A-185.

It should also be noted that the Board supports in principle a Western provinces initiative to remove the price of catching from the live price in February 2025. The Board is not currently in a position to make this decision under the BC FIRB Supervisory Review but a decision will be made in due course upon completion of the Supervisory Review.

The changes will be reflected in the A-185 mainstream pricing order and shown on the second page of the document.