

## Barn Depopulation Training Exercise

### ***Training Exercise – NOT an HPAI outbreak!***

The help us prepare for possible outbreaks this fall the BC Poultry Association (BCPA) is conducting a whole barn gassing training exercises this week.

- Wednesday Oct 1, in Chilliwack

Please do not be alarmed if you see a CO<sub>2</sub> truck or people in biosecurity gear in the region this week – this event is for training purposes only. The birds involved are healthy but at the end of their lay cycle and due to be shipped out.

BCPA will be bringing in a truck of liquid CO<sub>2</sub> and using specialized equipment the BCPA has purchased under the Training for Enhanced Destruction Capacity project funding, and some BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food equipment. Participants will be wearing biosecurity gear.

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