

MEDIA RELEASE

LOCAL POULTRY PROCESSING FACILITY IS AWARDED CLASS “B” LICENSING.

The Cariboo Central Interior Poultry Producers Association (CCIPPA) has received a Class “B” License from the Province of BC for its Mobile Processing Unit (MPU). The license has been issued by Food Protection Services under the Meat Inspection Regulation. The Meat Inspection Regulation ensures that animals are humanely handled and slaughtered; carcasses are processed in a clean environment; and meat is packaged and stored in ways that reduce contamination risks.

Transitional Class 'C' licenses only allowed sales direct to customers from farm gate or farmer's markets. Having a Class “B” Licensed facility in the region will provide producers access to markets province wide. Cariboo grown farm fresh poultry and rabbit will be available throughout B.C.

“The Cariboo Central Interior Poultry Producers Association (CCIPPA) has been working towards this goal since 2007, and is confident that this will foster the development of the poultry and rabbit sectors in the region,” notes President Christine Piltz.

CCIPPA works for producers, members and their communities to create economic diversification through agriculture initiatives and to guide, mentor and provide information to individuals in the poultry and rabbit industry and other related sectors. With the healthy growth of these industries CCIPPA will contribute to vibrant, local sustainable food systems all communities are entitled to in BC.

Inspected slaughter in the MPU will start in July and will commence every Tuesday and Thursday out of Kirby Hill Farm in Quesnel, BC. Producers must contact Kirby Hill Farm directly by telephone at 250-992-5205 or by email at rocked@telus.net.

For recent updates and more information on inspection and licensing of provincial slaughterhouses visit:

BC Centre for Disease Control

<http://www.bccdc.ca/foodhealth/meat/Slaughterhouses.htm>

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

www.inspection.gc.ca

News Release to BC's Meat Inspection Regulation (MIR) April 23, 2010

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2010HLS0024-000457.htm

For further information on CCIPPA visit www.ccippa.ca or call 250-992-1511.