

# NEWS FROM THE Hill

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## SUPPORTING CANADIANS THIS SUMMER

Just like how MPs and Senators were back in their ridings, Chicken Farmers of Canada spent little time on the Hill this summer and more time in our communities.

As the official protein of swimming in Canada, we joined the nation in cheering on our Olympians. Our swimmers headed to Rio with a "Lucky Loonie" from Canada's chicken farmers! In addition to the over \$60,000 we donate annually to the Ottawa Food Bank, our #MPChickenHero contest donated an additional \$17,500 to food banks in Oshawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING ON SPENT FOWL

The House Standing Committee on International Trade held an emergency summer meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the issue of spent fowl with department officials from across government. Committee members questioned why the fraud that has been occurring with spent fowl hasn't been rectified yet, and urged the departments to put a solution onto the Minister's desk as soon as possible. Government officials also answered questions about Trent University's DNA test, the increase in spent fowl imports, and economic losses.

Chicken Farmers of Canada then appeared as a witness before the Committee on September 20<sup>th</sup> in the second half of a meeting that saw the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food address the issue of spent fowl and the Duties Relief Program first. The Minister could not give a timeline as to when the issues will be resolved, but reassured members and stakeholders that they are diligently working toward ending this fraud.

## SUPPORTING BILL C-274

Chicken Farmers of Canada was pleased to see MP Guy Caron introduce Bill C-274 *An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (transfer of small business or family farm or fishing corporation)*. This Bill would give owners and buyers from the same family the same taxation rights extended to those non-related individuals who are involved in the sale of a farm.



Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Hon. Mélanie Joly poses with Chicken Farmers of Canada representatives at the Great Canadian Chicken BBQ. From left to right: Mike Dungate, Yvon Cyr, Hon. Mélanie Joly, Benoit Fontaine, and Chair Dave Janzen.



Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson stopped by Chicken Corner at the Great Canadian BBQ on Canada Day. Mayor Watson is seen here with Executive Committee Members Yvon Cyr, Chair Dave Janzen, and Murray Booy.



Chicken Farmers of Canada Chair Dave Janzen braves the rain at the Canada Day evening show with MP David McGuinty.



Chicken Farmers of Canada Chair Dave Janzen meets with Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Lawrence MacAulay, MP Jati Sidhu, and AAFC staff at his farm in Abbotsford, B.C.

## COMING UP...

Chicken Farmers of Canada will host a fall Parliamentary reception on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Fairmont Château Laurier from 7-9:30 pm.

For more information on our government relations program, please contact Lauren Kennedy at lkennedy@chicken.ca.

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