

# PRODUCING SAFE CHICKEN FOR CANADIANS

We believe that food safety begins on the farm. That's why we've implemented a program to ensure that we are providing Canadians with the safe, fresh, high-quality chickens they expect.

## 1998

The On Farm Food Safety Assurance Program (OFFSAP) was implemented across Canada. The program was developed using HACCP principles – an internationally recognized approach to food safety.

## 2006

Chicken Farmers of Canada began participating on an industry-government advisory committee established to lead the development and implementation of the National Agriculture and Food Traceability System.

## 2013

Chicken Farmers of Canada became the first commodity in Canada to receive full federal, provincial and territorial government recognition of our On-Farm Food Safety Assurance Program.

## 10 PROVINCES

have made OFFSAP mandatory. Thanks to our system of supply management, mandatory means just that – farmers must be certified on the program to sell chicken in Canada and there are enforcement measures in place to ensure compliance.



We are committed to continuous improvement. The OFFSAP manual is now on its 5<sup>th</sup> version.



OFFSAP standards include adhering to mandatory withdrawal times for any medication administered to the birds, to ensure that NO antibiotic residues remain in the meat we eat. Antibiotic residues are actively inspected by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and are not an issue in Canadian chicken meat.



A strong and responsive traceability system is in place for Canadian chicken. All farms are mapped by GPS and within 24 hours, in the case of a disease outbreak, premises can be identified and data can be generated to implement movement controls.



**35** The number of trained and qualified auditors across the country who conduct the annual food safety and animal care audits.

**44** Bird health and food safety research projects have been funded by the Canadian chicken industry through the Canadian Poultry Research Council.

**100%**

of chicken farmers are certified on OFFSAP.

All **10** Provincial Boards maintain up-to-date Emergency Response Plans to deal with potential disease outbreaks. These plans are in place to address both operations and communications in an emergency situation.

