

PRESERVING THE HEALTH OF THE LAND AND OF OUR FARMS

The health of our birds and the health of our farms go hand in hand. Healthy farms means not only protecting the natural environment but also ensuring safe farm practices and encouraging new entrants to the industry.

About **4%** of our farmers are young farmers, between 18 and 29 years old.

Over **90%** of Canadian chicken farms are family owned.

There are approximately **2,800** chicken farmers in Canada.

The Canadian chicken industry is growing, and constantly improving. Between 2013 and 2014 alone, over **20%** of farmers built new barns, did substantial upgrades to new barns, or both.



Chicken Farmers of Canada are proud sponsors of the 2017 Canadian Young Farmers' Forum to support the new generation of farmers in Canada.



Provincial worker safety and farm safety programs are in place throughout the country. These help to educate and emphasize best practices for keeping people safe on the farm.

Approximately

60%

of Canadian chicken farmers are enrolled in their provincial Environmental Farm Plan. This program evaluates farms in terms of environmental strengths and potential risks. Action plans are then developed to address the risks.

74%

of Canadian chicken farmers have made, or are planning to make, improvements to their operation regarding environmental issues. For example, these farmers already have, or are planning to:

- Improve electricity usage **67%**
- Improve heating efficiency **51%**
- Improve ventilation **49%**
- Improve storage of manure **42%**
- Improve water treatment **37%**

Per unit of protein, the Canadian chicken industry has the lowest greenhouse gas emission intensity – 10.6 kg of CO² equivalent – among all the livestock commodities².



2. J. A. Dyer, X. P. C. Vergé, R. L. Desjardins and D. E. Worth, "The Protein-based GHG Emission Intensity for Livestock Products in Canada," Journal of Sustainable Agriculture, vol. 34, pp. 618-629, 2010.



Through the Canadian Poultry Research Council the Canadian chicken industry has invested in **12 different research projects** looking at environmental issues and solutions in the poultry industry.

