



Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food and Fisheries

# Agriculture Update

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# DIFFICULT TIMES

## MAY 2003

- BSE shuts down cattle industry
- \$318-million industry

## FEB 2004

- Avian flu shuts down Fraser Valley poultry industry
- \$350-million industry

# AVIAN FLU - Overview

**Feb 20** 1<sup>st</sup> case in Fraser Valley

**Mar 11** CFIA sets control area

**April 5** Full depopulation ordered

**June 8** CFIA pays out \$64 million

**July 9** Restocking begins

*Losses* \$185 million in direct sales  
\$127 million support operations

# AVIAN FLU – Current Status

- Recovery well under way:
  - 100% broiler producers restocked & all shipping chicken by next week
  - Turkey recovery by December
  - Layer industry (table and breaker eggs) by November 2005
  - Specialty flocks by late 2005 or early 2006

# AVIAN FLU – Actions

- Lab testing
- PEP support
- Disposal
- Job protection
- Impact analysis
- National Forum on Biosecurity
- Seeking independent review

# BSE – Overview

*2003*

- May 20** Single case of BSE; markets closed
- Jun 18** Recovery program
- Nov 12** BC Market fund
- Dec 1** Cull animal fund
- Dec 25** BSE in U.S. animal

*2004*

- Mar 22** Transitional Industry Support Program
- April** US border partially open
- Sept** More calves on market
- Sept 10** National Industry Recovery Strategy

# BSE – Current Status

- US border still closed to live animals
- \$33 million to date paid out
- National BSE Strategy
  1. More processing in Canada
  2. Sustain industry meanwhile
  3. Expand export markets
  4. Press to reopen the US border

# BSE – Actions

- Press U.S. to open border
- Quick funding
- CAIS extension
- Workshops
- More BC processing
- Waste management



# Looking Ahead

- Aid through CAIS
- Reinforce biosecurity
- Keep up surveillance
- Press for US border opening
- Realign meat industry
- Monitor & report back

# Looking Ahead

