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## What's Going On?

After the 2004 Avian Influenza outbreak, the Risk Analysis Steering Committee, made up of the industry and government expertise, completed a risk assessment of the BC poultry industry. This work was followed up by formation of the Risk Mitigation Steering Committee (RMSC), tasked with the development and implementation of a strategy directed at reducing disease occurrence and lessening the effects resulting from an outbreak of Avian Influenza.

A priority mandate of the RMSC is to design a shared risk management program to improve Avian Influenza compensation for BC poultry producers by introducing an insurance program to address the gaps in current government compensation programs.

## What's the Plan?

Currently, the RMSC has contracted BMS Group (an insurance broker from the UK) and CMI (a company dedicated to risk assessment and analysis) to develop a program specifically for the BC poultry industry. This program will supplement the current government compensation programs from Health of Animals. The Federal/Provincial Business Risk Management suite of programs will remain in place.

The shared risk management program will build on and integrate with all the bio-security, emergency response and surveillance work that the industry and government have implemented.

A team of current inspection staff from all Boards are being trained to begin data collection to supplement the existing information. With a complete picture of our industry, the efforts already made to reduce risk will be properly reflected in the cost of the program.

## What Can We Do?

As an industry, it is important that we all work together for the good of the common goal – a working model of a compensation program in the event of a contagious disease outbreak that is suited to the specific needs of the BC poultry industry. Accurate information is essential for the loss modelling process to accurately evaluate the risk.

So when the phone rings and one of the project's data collectors asks for your time to answer some questions, please give them your full support. Your help is essential to the project. Thank you!