

# EGG FARMERS OF CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR NETWORK



Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) is committed to supporting research and innovation that advances Canada's egg farming industry.

Established in 2011, EFC's Research Chair Network brings together leading researchers at universities across the country to address key issues and opportunities within the Canadian egg farming industry. The network focuses on four core disciplines: sustainability, public policy, poultry welfare and egg industry economics.

Through EFC's long-term investment in research, each chairholder leads a dedicated research program at their respective university, oversees graduate students and fosters academic excellence.

EFC's chairholders collaborate with one another and with international experts to generate and share innovative, current and relevant knowledge in their fields. Together, these experts drive innovation and progress across the industry.

## Current chairholders

### **Dr. Maurice Doyon, Egg Industry Economic Research Chair at Université Laval**

Dr. Doyon's research focuses on the economic implications of the Canadian egg industry and supply management.

### **Dr. Alexandra Harlander, Research Chair in Poultry Welfare at the University of Guelph**

Dr. Harlander's research focuses on understanding laying hen behaviour and movement across different housing systems.

### **Dr. Bruce Muirhead, Research Chair in Public Policy at the University of Waterloo**

Dr. Muirhead's research focuses on public policy affecting Canadian egg farmers, using international and historical perspectives to understand how these agricultural systems evolve.

### **Dr. Nathan Pelletier, Research Chair in Sustainability at the University of British Columbia Okanagan**

Dr. Pelletier's work focuses on sustainability measurement and management, including life-cycle analysis and resource efficiency within the Canadian egg industry.

## Chair responsibilities

Chairholders lead research programs supported by EFC's long-term investment, with opportunities for renewal and expansion. They initiate new research projects, often bringing in junior researchers with complementary expertise and play a central role in mentoring graduate and undergraduate students to help develop the next generation of researchers and industry leaders.

Through initiatives such as Research Network Days, they collaborate with peers and students to share knowledge and explore joint research opportunities. In addition, chairholders contribute to knowledge transfer by communicating research findings to the egg industry and by participating in discussions on issues related to egg production, sustainability and trade.

## Research impact and leadership

Through its broader research program, EFC continues to leverage the strength of its Research Chair Network to drive insight and innovation on key issues within Canada's egg farming industry. By supporting targeted research across priority areas, EFC helps ensure that farmers have access to the latest knowledge, tools and best practices.

Ongoing collaboration among researchers, industry stakeholders, and international partners ensures the sector remains resilient, innovative and responsive to change.



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