



Shed insurance: not getting cheaper

Last year ACGC ran two surveys to gauge the extent to which finding and paying for insurance of EPS-panel poultry shedding was a problem. Given sufficient grower response, the intent was to be able to approach insurers with a significant number of farms and sheds, and ask for discounted rates based upon risk reassessment.

Unfortunately there were not enough responses - about 40 growers and 150 sheds - so I had to conclude that insurance is not a problem for most growers.

However, I am still hearing from growers who are alarmed at how high their premiums are continuing to climb, so instead of another survey, a different approach will be taken.

ACGC will soon arrange one or two on-line webinars for interested growers, involving an insurance brokerage company that has promising ideas on how insurers may be convinced to lower premiums for a grower collective.

Webinar details will appear in the ACGC News in November, and growers will also receive a stand-alone invitation

2021 UGA Cold Weather Poultry House Ventilation System Principles, Design, and Operation Seminars

We've passed the Australian winter, but in the USA the weather is cooling down, and well known poultry housing expert Dr Mike Czarick has commenced his regular series of seminars to help American growers better manage Winter ventilation. There are ten weekly sessions running from October 20th to December 22nd, and cost is US\$50.



Dr. Mike Czarick,

*Poultry extension specialist,
University of Georgia, USA.*

The sessions cover:

- 1) Poultry House Humidity Management and Control (was presented on Oct. 20th)
- 2) Ventilating to Control NH₃, CO₂, O₂, and CO in Poultry Houses
- 3) Negative Pressure Ventilation Principles
- 4) Negative Pressure Air Inlets
- 5) Negative Pressure Exhaust Fan and Air Inlet Management - Part 1
- 6) Negative Pressure Exhaust Fan and Air Inlet Management - Part 2
- 7) The Importance of Poultry House Tightness
- 8) Improving Poultry House Tightness
- 9) Circulation Fan System Principles
- 10) Circulation Fan System Design and Management.

[To register for the seminar series, click here](#)

Bird behaviour with Dr Peta Taylor: presentations now available

Two weeks ago AgriFutures hosted two webinar presentations from Dr Peta Taylor, Research Scientist at the University of New England. These informative and interesting presentations can now be viewed at the following links:

- [1. Optimizing range use through the rearing environment](#)
- [2. Maternal calls to alter chicken behaviour, productivity and welfare](#)

Chicken production continues its rise

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has published data to show that in the 2020/21 financial year, the nation processed 675,337,700 chickens. This was around 17 million more than the total for 2019/20, or a rise of 2.6%.

This is consistent with the longer term trend. Compared to the national total in 2011/12, processed bird numbers in 2020/21 were 124 million higher; a rise of 22.5%, or 2.25% per year on average.

ABS livestock processing data can be downloaded [here](#).

