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**Egg Marketing Board supports investigative work of the British Columbia
Centre for Disease Control**

Abbotsford, BC - The British Columbia Egg Marketing Board (BCEMB) supports the work of the BC Health Authorities and the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control in its investigations of purchasing practices of some restaurants and foodservice establishments in the Greater Vancouver area.

These investigations revealed that some restaurants and foodservice establishments were using ungraded and broiler hatching eggs not meant for human consumption. It is also believed that these practices have resulted in an increase in human salmonella illness.

The Egg Marketing Board reminds consumers to purchase only Canada Grade A eggs from reputable retail stores as these eggs have been washed and inspected in grading stations registered with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

“Restaurants, too, should only serve eggs that have been inspected, washed and graded in registered stations, and to do otherwise endangers human health,” says Al Sakalauskas, executive director of the BCEMB.

“Our number one goal is the safety of consumers. Egg farmers registered with the marketing board have adopted on-farm biosecurity, have their farms tested for salmonella and follow strict cleaning and disinfection procedures,” Sakalauskas says.

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The British Columbia Egg Marketing Board (BCEMB) is a non-profit organisation representing 132 registered egg farmers throughout British Columbia. Since its inception in 1967, the BCEMB and egg farmers remain dedicated to ensuring that the choice of eggs reaching BC communities is safe, sustainable, nutritious, and affordable. For more information, visit www.bcegg.com

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