

# OTHER TYPES OF POULTRY

Turkeys, ducks, etc.

# Turkeys

- ▣ Turkeys have been supply managed since 1966. The maximum number of turkeys you can sell without quota is 25.
- ▣ There are approx. 50 licensed turkey producers in B.C., 4<sup>th</sup> behind Chicken(287), Egg(132), and Broiler/Breeder(58).

# Turkey Life Cycle

- ▣ At the breeder farm hens are artificially inseminated. Their eggs are sent to a hatchery. At the hatchery their beaks and claws are trimmed to prevent the turkeys from injuring each other. The hatched *poult* is sent to the turkey grower.
- ▣ Poults arrive from hatchery one-day-old. This first stage is called *brooding* and lasts until they are 5-6 weeks old, at which time they are moved into a different barn.

# Turkey Life Cycle

- ❑ The next stage is the *growing* stage and lasts until they are 11 – 17 weeks old.
- ❑ Turkeys are typically marketed in four different categories, most commonly referred to as:
  - ❑ • Broilers (6.2 kg and under)
  - ❑ • Light Hens (6.2 to 8.5 kg)
  - ❑ • Heavy Hens (8.5 to 10.8 kg)
  - ❑ • Tom (10.8 to 13.3 kg)
  - ❑ • Heavy Tom (more than 13.3 kg)
- ❑ Broilers and hens (female turkeys) are used for the whole bird market. Toms are primarily used for the further processed market, although some are sold as whole birds.

# Turkey Vocabulary

- ▣ Poults (1-day-old – 5 weeks old)
- ▣ Hens (adult female)
- ▣ Toms (adult male)
- ▣ Snood - fleshy growth that hangs down over the beak of a turkey.
- ▣ Wattle: The reddish-pink flesh-like covering on the throat and neck of a turkey. It helps to release extra body heat.

# Ducks and Geese

- ▣ Produced in BC for meat (especially Asian food markets) and feathers.

# Retite Family

- ▣ Ostriches and Emus are all part of the Retite (flightless bird) family of animals.
- ▣ Where are ostriches from?
  - South Africa
- ▣ Where are emus from?
  - Australia

# Uses for Retites

- ▣ Meat
- ▣ Leather
- ▣ Feathers
- ▣ Eggs (eating and decorative)
- ▣ Oils from fat

# Create a barn plan for the poultry that you have chosen to raise

- ▣ Include everything required to raise the birds to standard.
- ▣ What system are you using?
- ▣ What are you raising?
- ▣ What is the production cycle for the poultry that you are raising?