

Thank you for attending the December 4, 2014 Fall Producer Meeting

The Board would like to thank all the producers who were able to take the time to attend and participate in the fall producer meeting. Attendance was excellent and the Board appreciated the enthusiastic participation by producers and their families. Board staff recorded valuable comments and collected many written submissions. This feedback is being taken into consideration by the Board moving forward, and more opportunities for input on policy issues will be available at upcoming spring producer meetings.

2015 Spring Producer Meetings

The Board is currently finalizing its regional Spring Producer Meetings. Please watch for an upcoming *Notice to Producers* with the spring meeting scheduled dates for March 2015 and a discussion paper, which will provide further background for discussion on GEP and animal welfare policy. All producers are welcome to attend the spring regional producer meetings.

GEP Policy Update

The BCMMB has been directed by FIRB to address the “double dipping” issue that applies to the current GEP wait list. This directive was provided as a follow up to the discussions that took place during the Quota Governance and Policy Consultation in 2013/2014. There are currently 34 waitlist candidates who will be affected by policy changes in the current program. Program invitations have been suspended for 2015 until the “double dipping” consultation is complete.

Thus, the current recommendation being considered by the Board is the following: In order to address the FIRB directive regarding changing the current GEP program, *it is recommended that the Board change the current GEP program by exhausting the current GEP waitlist in five years and not allowing exempt family transfer for ten years. If a GEP entrant makes a family transfer within ten years, then retract all GEP benefits which includes the initial GEP quota allocation, allotments from the initial GEP quota, and matching quota plus allotments from matching quota.*

The Board will use the following consultation schedule to discuss the recommended changes to the current GEP policy and subsequent consultations will take place on the overall new GEP policy.

Consultation Date	Meetings
November 2014	Fall Producer Meeting
March 2015	Spring Producer Meetings
April 2015	Board review of input from fall and spring producer meetings, policy changes and Board approval for changes from current policy
May 2015	Current GEP program amended to include GEP double dipping recommendations

Farewell Message – Ben Cuthbert

My eighteen years on the Milk Board has been a positive and rewarding experience. I would like to thank producers, processors, BCDA and BCDC for valued input and constructive criticism in the development of policy. As producers in a stable, but challenging industry, we continue to look for that elusive silver bullet that will ensure the continuation of supply management. We haven't found it, but what I do know is that our future as dairy producers is in our own hands—how we manage the environment, animal welfare and *proAction* initiatives at the farm—will determine our collective future. I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to my fellow Board members and the Milk Board staff, and of course, to my family for their ongoing support of my efforts within the dairy industry over the years. I wish the best of luck to the Board in its future work and would like to remind them to continue to stand their ground on 10/90!

Ben Cuthbert

BC Continuous Quota Position as of

November 2014 = -1.59%

December 2014 *forecasted -1.61%

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Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of November and December are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	November	December
Zone Transportation Costs	3.10	3.12
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.08)	(0.08)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	3.02	3.04
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.31	0.31
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.15)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	(0.01)	0.00
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.17	3.21

Continuous Quota

Cumulative Over/Under Production (with limits) as of:

	November 2014	
	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-58,240	-2.94%
P5	-2,109,142	-0.87%
WMP	-1,145,091	-1.50%
P10	-3,312,473	-1.03%
BC	-405,513	-1.50%

*Cumulative Over/Under Production (with limits) expressed as a % of the most recent 12 months total quota.

Milk Quality Report

The provincial averages and quality bonus data based on the official milk quality tests for November and December are:

Milk Quality Data	November	December
Individual Bacteria Count	17,725	19,977
Somatic Cell Count	173,595	167,241
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	78.16%	75.95%

Producer Payments

Participants in the December | January | February Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
December	Jan 2	Jan 20
January	Feb 2	Feb 19
February	Mar 2	Mar 18

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective December 1 st	Conventional	Organic
Average Price	\$8.97	\$4.92

A Summary of Credit Transfer Statistics can be found at www.milk-bc.com with other credit transfer documents.

Quota Management: Important Dates

Application Deadlines	Date & Time	Effective Date(s)
Quota Exchange	Feb 2 @ 1:00pm	Mar 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Jan 23 @ 1:00pm	Jan 1 Feb 1

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Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of December are as follows: BF= \$10.6243, PR= \$9.0028, OS= \$1.9936 or an equivalent return of \$78.6838 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$75.3512 in November 2014, with a difference of \$3.33/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for the month of December was \$1,213,273.

Quota Management: Who can sign application forms and documents?

Only the Registered Quota Holder can sign the following forms/documents:

- Quota Exchange “Buyer” & “Seller” Application
- Name Change Transfer form
- Continuous Daily Quota Security Agreement (bank assignment)
- Assignment of Proceeds
- Change of Banking information for milk pay
- Farm relocation instructions
- Authorization form

CDQ Buy/Sell Credits Application forms can only be signed by the Registered Quota Holder as outlined below, or by a signatory with a valid authorization form on file with the BCMMB from the Registered Quota Holder.

Registered Quota Holder:

- ✓ For producers who are a corporation this is the President as on file with the BCMMB
- ✓ For producers who are a partnership this includes all partners as on file with the BCMMB
- ✓ For producers who are a sole proprietorship this includes all names in which the quota is registered (i.e.: if registered in husband & wife’s names both parties must sign)

Please be advised that in order to ensure sound governance principles, any application form (Quota Exchange Buyer or Seller application or CDQ Buy/Sell Credits Application) submitted to the BCMMB office that is not signed by the authorized signatory will be disqualified, and any other document submitted to the BCMMB office that is not signed by the authorized signatory will be returned.

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