



Producer Component Prices & Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of November are as follows: BF=\$16.4326, PR=\$2.4051, OS=\$0.7237. The average BC producer return for the month is \$83.2869 compared to \$80.1003 in October – an increase of \$3.1866.

The P10/WMP equalization payment charged to the producer pool in November for the production month of October was \$839,852. The equalization payment consists of shared costs across the P10 with respect to special class processing and other shared costs in both the P10 and WMP.

BC Continuous Quota Position

as of October 2017: -1.56%

November 2017 *forecasted: -1.39%

Important Contact Changes at the Milk Board:

ELIMINATION of central FAX line, and how to fax any staff person directly

A new phone system has been installed at the BCMMB office and as a result, effective [January 1, 2018](#) the main fax line in the office will be shut down. Faxes can still be sent, but in the following manner:

- CDQ Buy/Sell Credits Application Forms should now be faxed to Pam Gregory's direct line at 604.854.4474 or at pgregory@bcmilk.com
- Any staff member can be faxed to their direct phone number. Phone numbers have NOT changed. Please see BCMMB contact list for the full list of staff phone lines: [BCMMB Contacts](#)
- General faxes (if any) may be sent to the main office phone line: 604.556.3444

BCMMB website domain change

The BCMMB website domain name is now: bcmilk.com

Board and staff email address changes

Along with the domain change to the Board's website, the email addresses of all Board members and Board staff have now been changed to bcmilk.com. For example, Pam Gregory can be reached at pgregory@bcmilk.com. Currently, all emails sent to the previous address (milk-bc.com) are being redirected and will reach their intended person; however, this will end, effective January 1, 2018. Please see the contact list for Board and staff email addresses as needed: [BCMMB Contacts](#)

After Hours and Transporter Contact Numbers

For transportation issues/questions during regular office hours, please contact BCMMB Transportation @ 604.854.4478 or 604.854.4479. **For after-hours access, when needed, please call the BCMMB After Hours phone @ 604.308.3221.** Please save these numbers, somewhere that you can find them easily. (Note: if a phone is not answered immediately, please leave a detailed message with your name, IRMA number and contact information.)

Or, to reach your specific transporter directly, see below:

For Zone 4 (Cariboo/Prince George), **Zone 6** (Creston) or **Zone 7** (Armstrong): please contact Ben Erickson at 250.803.2381,

For Zone 1: FV call 1.877.885.6455

For Zone 1: Organic 778.345.6244

For Zone 2: (S. Island) call 250.510.9566

For Zone 2: (N. Island) call 250.650.7566

Missing Test Result

Although we endeavour to test all samples for components, SCC, Cryoscope and MUN, and two samples per week for IBC, there may be occasions where a test result is missing. A sample that is cracked or has leaked will not be tested. BCMMB staff may delete a result if it is clearly not representative of a producer's milk. Therefore, there is no cause for concern with a missing test result—it simply happens sometimes. If you have a volume shipped for a day without a test result, the results from the previous test will be applied. However, if you are missing both a test result and a volume, then please contact the Transportation Department at: 604.854.4479 or 604.854.4478, since this would require further investigation.

December 2017 Quota Management Deadlines

Early Deadline: Thursday, December 21, 2017 – 1:00 PM

Buy/Sell Credits Transfers – effective Dec 1, 2017 & Jan 1, 2018

Early Deadline: Thursday, December 21, 2017 – 1:00 PM

Quota Exchange balance due for December 2017 quota purchases

BCMMB 2017 Holiday Office Hours

December 22 Office Closed 3:00pm

December 25 - 26 Office Closed

December 29 Office Closed 3:00pm

January 1 Office Closed

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The BC Milk Marketing Board and Staff would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of our producers and their families for a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to working with you in 2018!

Provincial Freight

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

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	October	November
Zone Transportation Costs	3.02	3.08
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.12)	(0.13)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.90	2.95
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.33	0.33
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.15)	(0.16)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.05	(0.04)
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.13	3.08

Continuous Quota

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

	October 2017	
	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-697,659	-28.24%
P5	8,432,884	3.15%
WMP	-5,074,921	-5.63%
P10	2,660,304	0.74%
BC	-498,350	-1.56%

*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 October and November are:

Milk Quality Data	October	November
Individual Bacteria Count	23,514	23,800
Somatic Cell Count	176,079	167,402
Quality Bonus Qualifiers(%)	70.20%	72.54%

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 18
January	Feb 1	Feb 20
February	Mar 1	Mar 19

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective November 1	Conventional Organic	
Average Price	\$3.79	\$5.50

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	Jan 2 @ 1:00pm	Feb 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Dec 21 @ 1:00pm	Dec 1 Jan 1

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kathy Wallis 604.854.4471 kwallis@bcmilk.com

Pam Gregory 604.854.4474 pgregory@bcmilk.com

New Entrant Program (NEP) Consultation Update: Thank You, and more to come...

The Board has received extensive feedback from an online stakeholder survey and from the NEP Committee, which met on October 24, 2017 to formulate some specific policy suggestions. For more details on the overall consultation, including timeline, background and summaries on both the survey and the NEP committee, please click here: [NEP Consultation](#)

Most recently, the Board conducted an in-person consultation at the Fall Producer Meeting, December 8, 2017. The Board appreciates the excellent attendance and the enthusiastic participation during the consultation. A summary of the input received from this meeting will be available on the BCMMB website in January 2018.

Your input is also welcome up until April 30, 2018 via the NEP page of the BCMMB website: [NEP Consultation](#). More in-person consultation will be part of the Spring Producer Meetings. These will be scheduled/announced in the New Year.

Mandatory proAction® Reminder: January 1, 2018 Effective Date

A reminder to all producers that, as per Amending Order 59, the proAction modules of Food Safety, Animal Care and Traceability are a mandatory condition of licensing for BC producers, effective January 1, 2018. Please see the Notice to Industry for more details: [Amending Order 59](#)

For information on your proAction file, please contact the proAction Program Coordinator at BCDA: 604 294-3775.

Quota Exchange Update

On December 1, 2017, the quota exchange was successful in the transfer of 70.78 % of quota by applying the new policy changes announced on October 30, 2017. Prior to this exchange, there were no transfers of quota on the conventional exchange, since July 1, 2017. Please find the results of the December 1, 2017 exchange at: [Producer Zone](#)

Thank you for attending the 2017 BCMMB AGM, Fall Producer Meeting and the NEP Consultation

The Board would like to thank all the producers who were able to take the time to attend the AGM and the fall producer meeting. Attendance was excellent, and the Board appreciates the participation by producers.

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