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Issues Update October 2012

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Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend Price

The producer component prices for the month of September are as follows:

BF= \$10.2382, PR= \$8.8101, OS= \$1.8941 or an equivalent return of \$76.1051 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$75.5788 in August 2012, with a difference of \$0.5263/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for the month of September was \$1,412,484.25. Please refer to the BCMMB Statistics for the month of September 2012 for more details.

2012 BCMMB Election

The following producers have been nominated to run in this year's Board Election:

- **Cornelis Hertgers**
- **Dick Kleingeltink**
- **David Janssens**

Voting Producers representing licensed dairy producers as at November 1st, 2012 are eligible to vote in the 2012 BCMMB Election. Only one ballot can be cast per IRMA Number. The BCMMB maintains a list of Voting Producers List for 2012 that are eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

If voting in person:

Ballots must be received by the Independent Election Officer (IEO) during the AGM. In order to prevent spoiled ballots, voters must bring their ballots and envelopes to the AGM. Extra ballots and envelopes will not be available at the AGM.

Deadline for Submission of Ballots-in person-Close of AGM November 30th, 2012

To vote online:

An eligible Voting Producer must advise the Independent IEO of their choice to vote online, and provide their email address.

Deadline for Submission of Ballots-online-November 29th, 2012

To vote by mail:

An eligible Voting Producer must mark clearly on the ballot his/her choice of up to two candidates and place the ballot in the small ballot envelope and mail to the IEO.

Deadline for Submission of Ballots-by postal mail-November 29th, 2012

If you have questions regarding the Election Process please contact the IEO, Jack Wessel at 604.302.1046 or by email at jackwessel@me.com

Producers are advised the both the BCMMB and the BCDA are holding elections this fall.

2012 Fall Producer Meeting – November 30th, 2012

Similar to the last several years, the Board will not be holding any individual regional Fall Producer Meetings, but will hold a Fall Producer meeting on Friday, November 30th, 2012 following the BCMMB AGM

2012 BCMMB Fall Producer Meeting

Fairmont Pacific Rim- Star Sapphire Ballroom

Date: November 30th, 2012

Time: 11:00 AM

Although no meetings will be held this fall, the Board is always available to attend regional meetings upon request.

**Current BC
Continuous Quota Position as of
*August 2012 = 0.58%**

July 2012 – Over Quota

In July 2012 we deducted \$2 Million from the producer pool to cover part of the \$2.5 Million estimated Over-Quota penalty for that month. The actual Over-Quota for July was approximately \$2 Million. We are refunding \$501,617 to the September 2012 producer pool from the Over-Quota fund, as these funds would have been used to cover part of the July Over-Quota penalty.

In addition to this amount, the September 2012 P10/WMP equalization payments are approximately \$581,000 lower due to Alberta and Manitoba being Over-Quota in September and BC receiving a share of their penalty.

Notice to Producers

Notice to Producers-Organic Sleeve-October 12, 2012

To see this notice in detail and a complete listing of all other Notice to Producers please visit www.milk-bc.com

Please contact your Transporter if your Milk Volume has changed.

In an effort to assist the transporters in maximizing load efficiency please ensure that you contact your transporter if your milk volume has changed; whether this is a one-time difference or a long-term change. This applies to all farms regardless of location.

You should contact your transporter to advise them of the volume you will be shipping or to cancel your pick up altogether if any of the following applies:

- you had to dispose of 1, 2 or 3 milking's
- you disposed all of your milk and you do not require a pick up
- if you are planning to increase production please estimate your increased volume

For your convenience, the contact numbers are below:

- Agrifoods International Cooperative: (604) 798-1027
- Vedder Transport Ltd.: 1-877-VTL-MILK or 1-877-885-6455

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of August and September are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	Aug	Sep
Zone Transportation Costs	3.07	3.11
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.07)	(0.08)
Less: I/P Freight Cost Recovery	(0.03)	(0.01)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.97	3.02
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.29	0.28
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.15)	(0.15)
Transportation Department Costs	0.03	(0.02)
Adjustments from Prior Period	(0.02)	(0.02)
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.12	3.11

Continuous Quota

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

August 2012

	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-51,432	-2.58%
P5	-784,118	-0.33%
WMP	367,689	0.50%
P10	-467,861	-0.15%
BC	151,723	0.58%

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

General Inquiries

For General Inquires and assistance please contact reception at
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Reporting of Producer Test Results →

It has come to our attention recently that there may be some confusion surrounding the reporting of your milk test results. Test results are reported in the **same week**. Test results are updated on the BCMMB website as early as Monday afternoon. In most cases; you should see your test results on the website by Wednesday.

For example, if your milk was picked up on Sunday, September 2 you should see your test results by the morning of Tuesday, September 4. The exceptions here are: if you are located on Vancouver Island, if your milk was shipped out of province, if Monday was a statutory holiday or if it is Official week as dictated by the BCMAL.

If you rely on your Milk Pick up Slip for your test results; please ensure that you check the date noted just above the test results. This date reflects the weeks that those test results are from.

If that date is not from the current week please contact Kelly Harris at 604.854.4479 or at kharris@milk-bc.com to find out why. It is possible that the handheld device just needed to be updated.

Milk Quality Report

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

Milk Quality Data	Aug	Sep
Individual Bacteria Count	20,101	18,988
Somatic Cell Count	198,002	189,275
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	50.87%	58.05%

Producer Payments

Participants in the September, October and November Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
September	Oct 1	Oct 18
October	Nov 1	Nov 20
November	Dec 3	Dec 19

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective September 1 st	Conventional/Organic
Average Price	\$7.83/\$4.75

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	Nov 1 @ 4:30pm	Dec 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Oct 25 @ 4:30pm	Oct 1 Nov 1
If you have any questions please contact Kathy Wallis 604.854.4471 kwallis@milk-bc.com		

Quota Management-Buy/Sell Credit Transfer Reminders

The BCMMB will not accept cut and pasted credit transfer applications as these applications are a contract between the 2 producers. Original applications which are completed and signed by an authorized signatory for each IRMA # participating in the transaction must be submitted to the BCMMB office in person or by mail, fax or email

If the effective date is not completed on the application form, the credit transfer will automatically be processed for the first of the following month

Applications will not be accepted after the published deadline

Information regarding IBC (Bacteria) Test Results

For those of you who may not be aware of the steps staff take to ensure that producers receive bacteria test results that are truly representative of your milk we wanted to explain those steps here.

Each week we test every applicable load sample for bacteria. We then compare the weighted average of all producers' on each route with the load sample bacteria result.

If there is a producer with a bacteria result >30,000 IBC and the load sample result is more than 20% lower than the weighted average we may delete those results over 30,000 IBC.

If you receive a test result that you do not believe is representative of your milk please contact Kelly Harris at 604.854.4479 or at kharris@milk-bc.com as soon as possible. We may be able to test your milk again in that same week.