



# Issues Update March 2013

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## Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend Price

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

BF= \$10.0607, PR= \$8.6705, OS= \$1.8615 or an equivalent return of \$74.8296 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$77.1459 in January 2013, with a difference of -\$2.3163/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for the month of February was \$1,659,430.96. Please refer to the BCMMB Statistics for the month of February 2013 for more details.

## REMINDER Over Quota Policy when Provincial Production

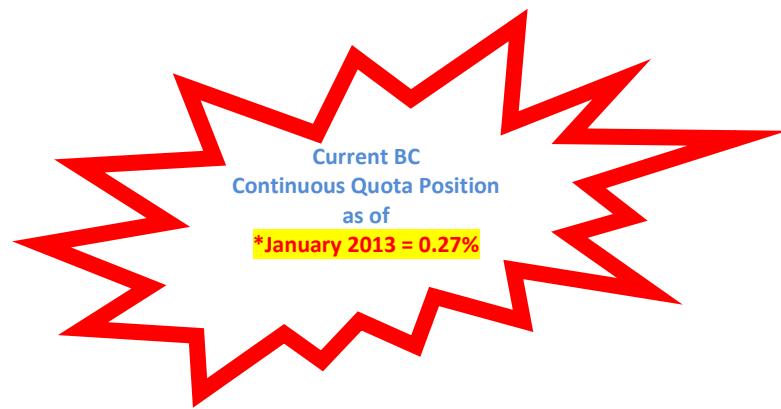
Individual producers will only be assessed the 50% over-quota production penalty if BC's previous monthly Continuous Quota amount is at or above 100% (\*or 0.00% as per the BC Continuous Quota Position provincially). If provincial production levels are below 100%, no penalty will be assessed to individuals however there will be no payment for over-quota milk shipped and applicable freight charges will apply. The monthly Canadian Dairy Commission statistics will be used to determine BC's official Continuous Quota percentage of production.

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### BC Continuous Quota Position

<b>December 2012</b>	<b>-0.08%</b>
<b>January 2013</b>	<b>+0.27%</b>
<b>February 2013 *forecasted</b>	<b>+0.49%</b>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Zahra Abdalla-Shamji at 604.854.4480 or [zabdalla@milk-bc.com](mailto:zabdalla@milk-bc.com)



## Notice to Producers

**Notice to Producers-Wedgwood Holsteins Ltd. Appeal-February 20, 2013**

**Notice to Producers-Spring Producer Meetings and Consultation on Credit Transfer Policy-March 8, 2013**

To see these notices in detail and a complete listing of all other Notice to Producers please visit [www.milk-bc.com](http://www.milk-bc.com)

## Wedgwood Holsteins Ltd. Appeal

Wedgwood Holsteins Ltd. has requested an adjournment of the appeal.

For more information on the Wedgwood Holsteins Ltd. Appeal please go to [www.milk-bc.com](http://www.milk-bc.com) and view the Notice to Producers-Wedgwood Holsteins Ltd. Appeal-February 20, 2013.

## Spring Producer Meeting and Consultation on Long-Term Changes to Credit Transfer Policy

All producers are invited to attend regional meetings that be held throughout the province between March 12, 2013 and March 27, 2013.

The Board will provide global, national, regional and provincial updates with respect to milk prices, production and policy. The presentation will include a section on consultation for proposed long-term changes to credit transfer policy.

For more details on the Consultation on Long-Term Changes to Credit Transfer Policy please go to [www.milk-bc.com](http://www.milk-bc.com) and view the Notice to Producers- Spring 2013 Producer Meeting and Consultation on Long-Term Changes to Credit Transfer Policy.

## BCMMB Spring 2013 Producer Meetings

### BCMMB Spring 2013 Producer Meetings Schedule

Date	Region	Location	Time
March 12	Bulkley Valley	Hudson Bay Lodge Smithers	11:00 am
March 12	Cariboo & Peace River	Treasure Cove Hotel Prince George	7:00 pm
March 14	Fraser Valley	Rainbow Country Inn Chilliwack	7:30 pm
March 20	Okanagan	Prestige Inn Salmon Arm	10:00 am
March 21	Kootenays	Columbia Brewery Abbotsford	11:30 am
March 26	Vancouver Island	Coast Bastion Hotel Nanaimo	7:30 pm
March 27	Fraser Valley	Ramada Inn Abbotsford	7:30 pm

All producers are invited to attend the regional meetings.

### Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of January and February are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	Jan	Feb
Zone Transportation Costs	2.82	2.91
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.08)	(0.08)
Less: I/P Freight Cost Recovery	(0.03)	(0.06)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.71	2.77
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.30	0.28
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.14)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.01	0.03
<b>Net Provincial Freight Rate</b>	<b>2.88</b>	<b>2.94</b>

### Continuous Quota

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

	January 2013	%*
	Kg of BF	
NL	-77,946	-4.03%
P5	1,181,967	0.50%
WMP	366,855	0.50%
P10	1,470,876	0.47%
<b>BC</b>	<b>69,329</b>	<b>0.27%</b>

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

### Quota Management

Please be advised that Quota Officer, Kathy Wallis, will be on vacation during the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. During her absence we encourage you to explore and utilize our website [www.milk-bc.com](http://www.milk-bc.com). You can access your statement, lab results, Quota Exchange & Buy/Sell Credits deadline calendars, Quota Exchange information (Current Exchange Price, Previous Exchange results & application forms), credit transfer applications forms and Buyer or Seller lists, etc. We also have a production calculator available that will enable you to do your own production and credit transfer calculations throughout the month. Also posted for your reference are FAQs and contact information for all BCMMB staff and management.

If you require immediate Quota Management assistance during her absence, please contact the office at 604.556.3444

### General Inquiries

For General Inquires and assistance please contact reception at  
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### Milk Quality Report

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

Milk Quality Data	Jan	Feb
Individual Bacteria Count	16,769	18,220
Somatic Cell Count	166,510	157,779
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	69.50%	72.45%

### Producer Payments

Participants in the February | March | April Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
February	Mar 1	Mar 19
March	Apr 2	Apr 17
April	May 1	May 17

### Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Conventional/Organic
Average Price	\$10.98/\$8.00

A Summary of Credit Transfer Statistics can be found at [www.milk-bc.com](http://www.milk-bc.com) with other credit transfer documents.

### Quota Management-Important Dates

Application Deadlines	Date & Time	Effective Date(s)
Quota Exchange	Apr 2 @ 4:30pm	May 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Mar 25 @ 4:30pm	Mar 1 Apr 1
If you have any questions please contact Kathy Wallis 604.854.4471 <a href="mailto:kwallis@milk-bc.com">kwallis@milk-bc.com</a>		

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### REMINDERS: Quota Exchange Bids Submitted to KPMG

**It is the producer's responsibility** to ensure the following when submitting Quota Exchange bids to KPMG:

- **Faxed** Applications – the **ONLY** confirmation of the fax being received will be generated by the producer's fax.

**“NO CONFIRMATION WILL BE GENERATED BY KPMG ON FAXED APPLICATIONS.”**

- **Emailed** Applications – An automatic confirmation will be generated by KPMG within minutes of sending your email

**“AN AUTOMATIC CONFIRMATION WILL BE GENERATED BY KPMG ON EMAILED APPLICATIONS.”**

→IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION on your emailed application **it is the producer's responsibility** to contact the BCMMB office immediately to investigate.

Please do not hesitate to contact the BCMMB office if you have any concerns regarding your Quota Exchange submission. If you have any questions or concerns contact Kathy Wallis [kwallis@milk-bc.com](mailto:kwallis@milk-bc.com)