

BC Continuous Quota Position

as of July 2016: -0.29%

August 2016 *forecasted: -0.86%

Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of August are as follows: BF=\$10.0685 PR=\$7.9565, OS=\$1.6731 or an equivalent return of \$71.4786 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$75.1751 in July 2016 with a difference of \$3.6965/std.hL.

The P10/WMP equalization charged to the producer pool in August for the production month of July was \$4,427,781. The equalization payment consists of shared costs across the P10 with respect to special class processing, over quota and changes to Class 4M prices.

Update: Transition to proAction © Animal Care

In November 2015, the BCDA began implementation of the proAction© animal care module with training and validation of BC farms. In February 2016, the Board announced its intention to transition its animal welfare inspections program to the proAction animal care module. A joint committee, which includes Board members from both the BCMMB and the BCDA, is working with staff to transition the operations of animal care to the BCDA/DFC proAction program for improved efficiency with a single animal care program at the farm level. proAction© in BC will validate approximately 250 farms per year on the food safety program and the animal care program. For specific information on the proAction animal care requirements, which are based on the Code of Practice, please contact Elizabeth Schouten, BCDA proAction Provincial Coordinator: eschouten@bcdairy.ca.

The Board will continue to maintain its authority to ensure compliance with the Code of Practice, under its orders. The Board would like to thank producers for their commitment to ensure continuous improvement of animal care practices and compliance with the Code. Good animal care demonstrates the dairy industry's efforts to promote and maintain responsible stewardship, and it is simply the right thing to do.

For further information, please contact Vicki Crites, Manager, Policy and Communication: vcrites@milk-bc.com.

Notice to Producers

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Please visit www.milk-bc.com

Producer Registration
is now open!
Please go to BCDIC 2016
to register!



Non-Qualifying Milk Policy

It is the responsibility of every producer to ensure that milk made available for pick-up meets the provincial guidelines. A producer whose milk has been found to contain veterinary drug residues or inhibitory substance residues is not permitted to sell or supply milk until a subsequent bulk milk sample taken from the farm bulk milk tank tests negative. Testing facilities are scarce. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have access to testing equipment for the drugs that you use on your farm.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kelly Harris at 604-854-4479 or kharris@milk-bc.com

BC Milk Marketing Board Member Appointed By the Milk Industry Advisory Committee (MIAC)

A Board member is due to be appointed by MIAC with an effective date of December 2, 2016 for a three-year term. (Reference: BCMMB Election and Appointment Rules and Procedures, May 19, 2015). The BC MIAC invites applications from qualified individuals who are keen to make an active contribution to the dairy industry. This Board Member cannot be a licensed producer.

To apply for an interview, qualified applicants are asked to please send their resume via email, in confidence, **by September 30, 2016 to:** miac@milk-bc.com
Attention: Walter Goerzen, Chair

Provincial Freight

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

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	July	August
Zone Transportation Costs	2.97	2.96
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.13)	(0.14)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.84	2.82
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.32	0.32
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.15)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	(0.02)	0.01
Net Provincial Freight Rate	2.99	3.01

Continuous Quota

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

	July 2016	%*
	Kg of BF	
NL	-112,370	-4.29%
P5	1,924,960	0.76%
WMP	-1,202,429	-1.47%
P10	610,161	0.18%
BC	-84,703	-0.29%

*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 July and August are:

Milk Quality Data	July	August
Individual Bacteria Count	23,825	22,203
Somatic Cell Count	184,316	195,181
Quality Bonus Qualifiers(%)	70.71%	66.87%

Producer Payments

Participants in the August | September | October Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
August	Sep 1	Sep 20
September	Oct 3	Oct 20
October	Nov 1	Nov 18

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective Aug 1	Conventional Organic	
Average Price	\$7.91	\$6.50

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	Oct 3 @ 1:00pm	Nov 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Sep 23 @ 1:00pm	Sep 1 Oct 1

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Gordon Souter – Celebration of Life

We were saddened to recently learn of Mr. Gordon Souter’s passing on August 21, 2016 at his home on Pender Island. Gordon will be kindly remembered for his effective chairmanship of the Milk Industry Advisory Committee from 1995-2011, as well as for his enduring contributions to the BC agriculture industry.

A Celebration of Life for Gordon will be held Saturday October 8 at 12:30 pm at the Anglican Parish Hall, 4703 Canal Road, Pender Island.

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Quota Management:

Changing Bank Account for Milk Pay

In order to ensure that changes in bank information are implemented in a timely manner, please ensure that you submit instructions as early as possible (no later than 7 days prior to the pay date). Please note that only the registered quota Holder (the President if a Corporation/Limited Company and all partners of a partnership) is authorized to submit instructions for a change of bank account for milk pay.

The new bank information can be submitted in one of two ways:

- A Void cheque (pre-printed with name) can be submitted along with written instructions signed by the registered quota holder. Details to be included are: Irma #, Farm name, effective date for the change and the registered quota holder’s signature.
- Bank account information instructions along with Irma #, Farm name, effective date for the change, submitted on your bank’s letterhead and signed by a bank officer as well as the registered quota holder.

Please note that if there is currently an “Assignment of Proceeds” on file with the BCMMB, the bank holding the Assignment must submit a release letter prior to any banking changes being implemented.

