

Producer Component Prices & Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of April are as follows: BF=\$11.2857, PR=\$7.2756, OS=\$1.6968 or an equivalent return of \$73.7941 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$74.6230 in March 2017 with a difference of \$0.8289 std.hL.

The P10/WMP equalization charged to the producer pool in April for the production month of March was \$1,739,947. The equalization payment consists of shared costs across the P10 with respect to special class processing, over quota processing, class 7 pooling and transition costs for the implementation of Class 7.

BC Continuous Quota Position

as of March 2017: -1.45%

April 2017 *forecasted: -1.34%

Appointment of Robert Delage as General Manager

The Board of Directors of the BCMMB is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Delage as our new General Manager. Mr. Delage is enthusiastically looking forward to this new challenge in his career, and the Board and staff wish him every success in his new position.

Please see the previous *Notice to Industry* for the complete announcement: Industry Notice – Robert Delage – May 1, 2017

Quota Tools Assessment Review (QTAR) - Update

The Board would like to thank all industry participants who attended Spring Producer Meetings, and those who took the time to send in written submissions for Stage 1 of the QTAR. The Board is in the process of reviewing all submissions, and plans to begin Stage 2 of the consultation shortly.

Stage 2 will consist of the Board and staff meeting with financial institutions, regional producer executives (webinar), Milk Industry Advisory Committee (MIAC), Specialty Production Advisory Committee (SPAC), Expanded Quota Exchange Committee (EQEC), SM5-all commodities conducting the consultation and the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB). All options for consideration will be shared on the QTAR page of the BCMMB website, which will continue to be open for industry comment until June 2, 2017. This will complete Stage 2 of the consultation and final recommendations will be developed for BCFIRB submission June 30, 2017. Further updates will be provided through *Industry Notices*.

Important Reminder: Non-Qualifying Milk Shipments

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of non-qualifying milk shipments that have been rejected due to inhibitor or foreign matter, and in some cases pH level. The Board wishes to remind producers to ensure that they are following required standards for Food Safety/CQM. Also, please ensure that your employees are trained appropriately.

Please refer to the proAction Food Safety Manual Section 5.2.3 "Milking Treated Animals."

<https://www.dairyfarmers.ca/proaction/resources/food-safety>

If you have any questions, please contact BCDA proAction staff at 604.294.3775 or proAction@bcdairy.ca

Note from the Chair

It has been a challenging spring for dairy farmers. Harvesting, manure-spreading and planting are all behind schedule. Forecasts continue to call for well below normal temperature and sunshine. Some areas of the province are facing flood threats or actual flooding. Although much work was accomplished on farms during the few good days we have had to date, a lot of work remains.

So, this is just a reminder to everyone that with the long hours, stress and fatigue, comes the increased risk of accidents while operating machinery. Please use extra caution when working long hours and at night. Whether it is greasing, adjusting, unclogging, or hooking up equipment, please take the extra time required to ensure you do it correctly and safely.

Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of March and April are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	March	April
Zone Transportation Costs	3.03	3.05
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.12)	(0.12)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.91	2.93
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.33	0.33
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.14)	(0.15)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	(0.01)	(0.00)
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.09	3.11

Continuous Quota

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

	March 2017	%*
	Kg of BF	
NL	-454,259	-17.70%
P5	5,602,584	2.16%
WMP	-3,567,754	-4.15%
P10	1,580,571	0.45%
BC	-441,938	-1.45%

*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 March and April are:

Milk Quality Data	March	April
Individual Bacteria Count	22,307	20,063
Somatic Cell Count	153,532	155,581
Quality Bonus Qualifiers(%)	80.78%	79.18%

Producer Payments

Participants in the April | May | June Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
April	May 1	May 17
May	Jun 1	Jun 19
June	Jul 4	Jul 20

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective Apr 1	Conventional Organic	
Average Price	\$5.78	\$5.56

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	Jun 1 @ 1:00pm	Jul 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	May 25 @ 1:00pm	May 1 Jun 1

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Test Result E-Mails

A few producers have found their test result e-mails in their junk folder. Please consider adding kharris@milk-bc.com to your safe list to ensure you continue to receive all emails.

MIAC & SPAC Reappointments

The Board is pleased to announce the following reappointments:

MIAC Processors:

Anne Landers, Dan Wong, and Catherine Tokarz were reappointed to MIAC for a 3-year term effective May 1, 2017.

MIAC Producers:

Ben Brandsema and Gord Ferguson were reappointed to MIAC for a 3-year term effective May 1, 2017.

SPAC Organic Producers:

Don Hladych and Dave Vanderwal were reappointed to SPAC for a 3-year term effective May 1, 2017.

SPAC and MIAC Chair:

Walter Goerzen has been reappointed as Chair of both MIAC and SPAC for a 3-year term effective August 1, 2017.

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Quota Management: Credit Transfer Reminders

CDQ Buy/Sell Credit Application Forms must not be faxed or emailed to KPMG. The KPMG automated system is for Producers submitting a Quota Exchange application only. Any forms submitted to KPMG will not be received or reviewed by the BCMMB until after the Buy/Sell Credits Application deadline.

The CDQ Buy/Sell Credits Application form can be emailed to Pam Gregory at pgregory@milk-bc.com or faxed to the BCMMB at 604.556.7717. It is the producer's responsibility to ensure that their application form has been successfully submitted to the BCMMB before the deadline. Once received, the BCMMB will forward a stamped copy, to the fax or email indicated on the application form, for the producer's records.

If you do not receive the stamped copy before the deadline date, please contact Pam Gregory at 604.854.4474 or pgregory@milk-bc.com to confirm that it has been received. However, be aware that we may not be able to return your call on the morning of the deadline, due to administrative workload.

Notice to Producers

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