

February 20, 2017

**\*\*Organic Sleeve Production Update\*\***

The following notice applies to all organic producers in production effective March 1, 2017.

In the January 31, 2017 Notice To Producers, the Board announced an organic sleeve of 8% beginning March 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017. Due to the February 6<sup>th</sup> announced General Allotment, the organic sleeve was adjusted down to 5%.

The Board has now received a late increase to processor commitments. We are apologetic to the late changes that have occurred to the sleeve effective March 1, 2017 but we encourage all organic producers to strive to meet the demands of the organic market.

**Organic producers will receive the 3% General Allotment on CDQ effective March 1, 2017 and the Board will issue a revised 8% sleeve to organic producers in production on March 1, 2017.**

Producers are encouraged to participate on the quota exchange and purchase available quota up to a maximum of the allocated sleeve. If quota is purchased during this six month period, the kilograms purchased will not be deducted from the existing sleeve. No priority purchases will be permitted.

Please note the following:

- The sleeve allocation for the next production period March 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 will be determined by the previous period's sleeve production. As in previous periods, only the most recent available data will be used to calculate your sleeve utilization (i.e. September 2016, October 2016, November 2016, December 2016, and January 2017) since the February 2017 production pool data is not available until March 2017.
- Individual producer letters will be revised and sent out to all organic producers within a day or two.

The Board will continue to review organic market requirements and will provide direction to the industry as needed.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Woody Siemens at 604-854-4476 or [wsiemens@milk-bc.com](mailto:wsiemens@milk-bc.com)**

