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For the August 2011 Production Month

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Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend Price

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

BF= \$9.9531, PR= \$9.1303, OS= \$1.8805 or an equivalent return of \$76.0366 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$76.0662 in July 2011, with a difference of - \$0.0296/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for August was \$2,023,841.92. Please refer to the BCMMB Statistics for the month of August 2011 for more details.

BCMMB 2011 Board Elections-IMPORTANT

All 2011 Board Member Nominations must be returned to the Election Officer by 4:30pm, September 29th, 2011.

Each nominee must be supported by five Voting Producers whose names are on the Voting Producers List.

Producers operating as partnerships or limited farm companies must submit their VOTING PRODUCER Registration Forms to the Election Officer if they want to vote in the election.

ONLY "registered VOTING PRODUCERS" can sign nomination forms.

"For a Voting Producer to be nominated, a nomination form must be signed by at least five VOTING PRODUCERS and by the nominee."

Board Member Nomination Forms, Voting Producer Registration Forms, and BCMMB 2011 Election Rules and Procedures can be found at www.milk-bc.com

For more information please contact:

BCMMB Election Officer

BC Council of Marketing Boards

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2011 Fall Producer Meetings

Similar to the last several years, the Board will not be holding any separate regional Fall Producer Meetings, but will hold a Fall Producer meeting on Thursday, December 1st, 2011 following the BCMMB AGM.

BCMMB Fall Producer Meeting

Date: December 1st, 2011

Time: 10:00am

Location: Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel, Vancouver

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

Please feel free to contact Robert Delage rdelage@milk-bc.com at the BCMMB Office if you have any concerns or comments.

IMPORTANT! Notice to Producer

Whole Farm Transfer Policy September 15th, 2011

Please visit www.milk-bc.com to see the complete Notice to Producer.

IMPORTANT Information Regarding Inhibitor Positive Loads

At the end of 2008 one of our processors notified the BCMMB that they would no longer test individual producer samples when a load sample tested positive for antibiotics.

When a load is rejected for antibiotics at these processors facilities after regular office hours we are not able to identify the offending producer until the next business day.

The current practice is to contact all of the producers that make up the affected trailer to advise them of the incident and to recommend they get their milk tested before their next pick up to ensure that the incident was not caused by milk from their farm.

Saputo, Abbotsford will test producer samples for a fee as long as the producer signs a waiver and this plant is open 24/7.

If you have any questions please contact Kelly Harris 604.854.4479 kharris@milk-bc.com

Transportation Hauling

Effective January 1, 2012 Agrifoods will be hauling all of the milk on Vancouver Island, Bradner will continue to haul the organic milk in the lower mainland, and Vedder will be hauling the Omega milk in the lower mainland.

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	3.11	3.11
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.11)	(0.11)
Less: I/P Freight Cost Recovery	(0.15)	(0.12)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.85	2.88
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.29	0.28
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.13)	(0.15)
Transportation Department Costs	0.03	0.01
Adjustments from Prior Period	(0.01)	0.02
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.03	3.04

Continuous Quota

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

Province	July 31 st , 2011 Kg of BF	%*
NL	-296,048	-14.71%
PE	-6,102	-0.15%
NS	-54,612	-0.81%
NB	18,169	0.34%
QC	-853,601	-0.73%
ON	-1,175,338	-1.17%
MB	-248,130	-2.00%
SK	-177,871	-2.00%
AB	-354,973	-1.39%
BC	-278,346	-1.09%

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

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From the Field

I can't believe it's already mid-September. It seems as though what summer we had this year has gone by in a blur and now all of a sudden it's time to start thinking about harvesting corn in the upcoming weeks. I hope the weather holds for a good harvest and some bumper crops!

On the quota management side of things, I myself am preparing to go on my maternity leave within the next five weeks. My last official day of work will be October 20th. In my absence please contact Kathy Wallis at 604.854.4471 kwallis@milk-bc.com for your quota management inquiries. **If you wish to meet with Kathy in person please call ahead to make an appointment to ensure she is available to assist you when you come in to the office!**

I also urge you to explore and utilize our website www.milk-bc.com. We have made some significant upgrades and improvements to it over the past year. You can access your statements, lab results, Quota Exchange information, credit transfer buy/sell lists and application forms, etc. etc. There are calculators posted to assist you with quota calculations, and a wealth of information available in the form of past newsletters, Notices to Producers, FAQ's, and policy information. If you have yet to set up your login, or need assistance navigating the site, please contact Kathy Wallis and she will help get you started.

In the meantime, I am still available full-time for the next month, so for now business as usual! Wishing you all the best for a safe and successful harvest!

Regards, Melanie

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	17,210	19,595
Somatic Cell Count	189,560	195,244
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	53.98%	51.61%

Producer Payments

Participants in the August, September and October pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
August	September 1	September 20
September	October 3	October 20
October	November 1	November 18

Credit Transfer Statistics

Credit Transfers for the 2nd set of transfers effective August 1st, 2011 and for the 1st set of transfers effective September 1st, 2011 are as follows:

# of Transfers	Effective August 1 st	Effective September 1 st
	Conventional/Organic	Conventional/Organic
Low	\$0.00/\$0.00	\$6.50/\$0.00
High	\$10.00/\$6.00	\$6.50/\$0.00
Average	\$6.15/\$4.00	\$6.50/\$0.00

*For your convenience a Summary of Credit Transfer Statistics for 2011 can be found at www.milk-bc.com with other credit transfer documents.

CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits

The next deadline and information for CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits is:

Deadline Date:	September 23 rd	
Effective Date(s):	September 1 st	October 1 st

Applications will be accepted at the BCMMB office up until 4:30 pm on September 23rd, 2011.

Quota Exchange News

The next Quota Exchange deadline is

October 3rd, 2011 @ 4:30pm

For transfers effective November 1st, 2011.

***Please Note Price Increase**

If you have any questions please contact Kathy Wallis
604.854.4471 kwallis@milk-bc.com

Bank Letters for Quota Exchange Bids IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- **Remaining Value must cover full settlement amount of your bid**
- **Expiry Date must be no sooner than settlement date for balances due**

If you are unsure of the status of your bank letter, please contact our office and we will be happy to check your file.

2011 Year-End Reconciliation

Since the inception of CDQ in August 2010 producers now operate with no dairy year end, and there will be no reconciliation of over quota at July 31st or any other time during the year. The only year end reconciliation will be for the SNF/BF ratio penalties. Any payments to producers will take place at the end of October 2011.