



Issues Update October 2011

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For the September 2011 Production Month

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Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend Price

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

BF= \$9.9444, PR= \$9.1566, OS= \$1.8943 or an equivalent return of \$76.1687 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$76.0366 in August 2011, with a difference of + \$0.1321/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for September was \$1,861,073.14. Please refer to the BCMMB Statistics for the month of September 2011 for more details.

2011 BCMMB Election

The following producers have been nominated to run in this year's Board Election:

- **Ben Cuthbert**
- **Tom Hoogendoorn**
- **Phillip Owen**
- **Louis Schurmann**

Voting Producers representing licensed dairy producers as at November 1st, 2011 are eligible to vote in the 2011 BCMMB Election. Only one ballot can be cast per IRMA Number. The BCMMB maintains a list of Voting Producers List for 2011 that are eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

If voting in person:

Ballots must be received by the Election Officer during the AGM. In order to prevent spoiled ballots, voters must bring their ballots and envelopes to the AGM. Extra ballots and envelopes will not be available at the AGM.

Deadline for Submission of Ballots-in person-Close of AGM December 1st, 2011

To vote online:

An eligible Voting Producer must advise the Independent Election Officer (IEO) of their choice to vote online, and provide their email address.

Deadline for Submission of Ballots-online-November 30th, 2011

To vote by mail:

An eligible Voting Producer must mark clearly on the ballot his/her choice of up to two candidates and place the ballot in the small ballot envelope and mail to the Election Officer.

Deadline for Submission of Ballots-by postal mail-November 30th, 2011

If you have questions regarding the Election Process please contact Jack Wessel BC COMB at 604.302.1046 jackwessel@me.com

Transportation IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Producer Survey:

Recently you have received a producer survey in the mail. Please fill out your survey in its entirety and fax or mail back to BCMMB office F. 604.556.7717

Train Accessibility:

Reminder to review the Train Accessibility Policy which can be found at www.milk-bc.com

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Gary Broerken at 604.854.4478 gbroerken@milk-bc.com

Production Statements

If you wish to receive your statements electronically please contact our office at 604.556.3444 ext 200. As a general reminder please review your monthly statements for accuracy and report any discrepancies as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the BCMMB office.

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

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

IMPORTANT: BCMMB 2011 Board Election

Producers are advised that both the BCMMB and the BCMPA are holding elections this fall.

BC Milk Marketing Board-Board Member Elections:

- Ballots and Candidate biographies have been mailed out by the Election Officer on Friday, October 14th, 2011
- Online voting for BCMMB will open on Wednesday, October 19th, 2011
 - Access Code will be provided for online voting.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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Provincial Freight

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

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	August	September
Zone Transportation Costs	3.11	3.03
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.11)	(0.11)
Less: I/P Freight Cost Recovery	(0.12)	(0.02)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.88	2.90
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.28	0.29
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.15)	(0.15)
Transportation Department Costs	0.01	(0.01)
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.02	0.04
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.04	3.07

Continuous Quota

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

Province	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-49,142	-2.44%
PE	-16,778	-0.42%
NS	-85,200	-1.25%
NB	-625	-0.01%
QC	--1,136,222	-0.97%
ON	-1,312,884	-1.31%
MB	-248,905	-2.00%
SK	-178,337	-2.00%
AB	-351,110	-1.37%
BC	-290,328	-1.13%

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

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Quota Management News

Quota Exchange Volume Limit:

Effective November 1, 2011 the following change was made to the volume limit:

- Bid Maximum on the exchange for all producers is 30.00 kgs/day per IRMA

* Please remember that producers must have adequate funds available on a current bank letter to cover 100% settlement value of any bid submitted

Quota Exchange bids emailed to KPMG:

- To successfully submit your quota exchange applications by email to KPMG please ensure that you use the correct upper/lower case email address: BCMMBQuotaEx@kpmg.ca
- A delivery receipt can be requested when you send your email

*Please note: December Quota Exchange Deadline has been extended to Friday, December 2, 2011 @ 4:30 due to the Dairy Conference.

Important December Quota Management Deadlines:

Please Note the following Early deadline dates in December, due to the Christmas Holidays:

For Credit Transfers effective December 1, 2011, producers must submit their application forms to the BCMMB by 4:30 on Wednesday, December 21st.

For Quota Exchange balances due for Quota purchased on the December Quota Exchange must be received by the BCMMB by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 21st.

Quota Management Consultations:

As you are all aware Melanie Lantz is currently away on maternity leave. Due to limited staffing if you wish to meet in person to discuss your Quota Management inquires please call ahead to set up an appointment to ensure I am available to meet with you.

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

Milk Quality Report

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

Milk Quality Data	August	September
Individual Bacteria Count	19,595	24,003
Somatic Cell Count	195,244	194,255
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	51.61%	50.38%

Producer Payments

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

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
September	October 3	October 20
October	November 1	November 18
November	December 1	December 19

Credit Transfer Average Prices

	2 nd Set-Effective Sep 1 st	1 st Set-Effective Oct 1 st
	Conventional/Organic	Conventional/Organic

Average Price	\$6.66/\$5.38	\$5.85/\$0.00
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A Summary of Credit Transfer Statistics for 2011 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	Nov 1 st @ 4:30pm	Dec 1 st
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Oct 25 th @ 4:30pm	Oct 1 st Nov 1 st

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