

Issues Update January 2012

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For the December 2011 Production Month

Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend Price

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

BF= \$10.5188, PR= \$8.7422, OS= \$1.9522 or an equivalent return of \$77.2262 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$76.9555 in November 2011, with a difference of \$0.2707/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for December was \$451,816.09. Please refer to the BCMMB Statistics for the month of December 2011 for more details.

Transportation-“Driveway Policy”-Winter Conditions

The following are general reminders to all producers for winter driveway conditions to ensure safe and consistent milk pick-ups:

- In winter conditions, that portion of the driveway and yard which the tanker travels must be cleared of snow
- Ice surfaces should be salted and/or sanded.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Gary Broerken 604.854.4478 or Kelly Harris 604.854.4479

Transportation-Producer Surveys

REMINDER: For those producers who have not filled out and returned their Producer Surveys if you could do so as soon as possible it would be appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kelly Harris 604.854.4479

Notice to Producers-General Allocation-Effective January 1st, 2012

The Board has decided to implement a general allotment effective January 1, 2012. Producers will be informed of their quota increases by way of individual notices. Key determinants for this allotment are set out below:

- The amount of CDQ to be allotted is 0.5%
- Consistent with the Consolidated Order, the allotment will be performed on a pro rata basis
- Each eligible licensed producer's CDQ as at January 1, 2012 will serve as the basis for determining the pro rata CDQ amount
- The allotment will be subject to the 10/10/10 assessment policy

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rob Delage at 604.854.4475 rdelage@milk-bc.com

Notice to Producers-Policy Changes from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands **Effective February 1, 2012**

1. Lowering of the SCC violation level from 500,000 to 400,000
2. Raising of the added water violation level from ≤ 0.535 Hortvet (1.8% dilution) to ≤ 0.525 Hortvet (3.7% dilution)
3. The washroom off the milk house must be maintained in a sanitary condition
4. Hot and cold pressurized potable water must be available for cleaning all surfaces in contact with raw milk in the parlour and the milk house. A lab report confirming that the water is potable must be available for the inspector to see and must be dated less than 12 months from the date it is requested.
5. Written protocols must be available for the inspector to see covering:
 - a. Milking of dairy animals
 - b. Production, cooling, handling and storing of raw milk
 - c. Sanitation of equipment
 - d. Use, labeling and storage of all regulated products used on the farm
6. Clear separation and storage of medication restricted to use in dry cows only from medications for use in the milking herd
7. Records must be kept for 1 year that include clear identification of the animals they were administered to, after the use of
 - e. Veterinary drugs
 - f. Medicated feed
8. Records must be kept for 1 year after the use of any pesticide on the farm or to an animal that include clear identification of any animal they were administered to.

Please contact Jane Pritchard | Manager, Livestock Health Management and Regulation | Plant and Animal Health Branch | Ministry of Agriculture | Abbotsford | Phone: 604-556-3013 with any questions you may have.

Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of November and December are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	November	December
Zone Transportation Costs	3.08	3.16
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.11)	(0.12)
Less: I/P Freight Cost Recovery	0.00	(0.06)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.97	2.98
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.29	0.29
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.15)	(0.15)
Transportation Department Costs	0.01	0.01
Adjustments from Prior Period	(0.01)	(0.00)
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.10	3.13

Continuous Quota

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

November 30th, 2011

Province	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-85,584	-4.27%
PE	-50,526	-1.26%
NS	-104,393	-1.53%
NB	-60,488	-1.14%
QC	-1,799,569	-1.53%
ON	-1,503,770	-1.49%
MB	-187,695	-1.50%
SK	-134,481	-1.50%
AB	-385,883	-1.50%
BC	-388,308	-1.50%

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

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Milk Quality Report

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

Milk Quality Data	November	December
Individual Bacteria Count	20,273	20,346
Somatic Cell Count	173,974	161,629
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	55.77%	58.40%

Producer Payments

Participants in the December, January and February Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
December	January 3	January 19
January	February 1	February 17
February	March 1	March 19

Credit Transfer Average Prices

2nd Set-Effective Dec 1st **1st Set-Effective Jan 1st**
Conventional/Organic Conventional/Organic

Average Price \$5.59/\$3.17 \$5.67/\$0.00

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	Feb 1 @ 4:30pm	Mar 1 st
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Jan 25 @ 4:30pm	Jan 1 st Feb 1 st
If you have any questions please contact Kathy Wallis 604.854.4471 kwallis@milk-bc.com		

Quota Management

Please be advised that our Quota Administrator, Kathy Wallis, will be on vacation from February 9th through February 17th. During her absence we encourage you to explore and utilize our website www.milk-bc.com

You can access your statement, lab results, Quota Exchange information, credit transfer Buy/Sell applications forms and lists, etc. We also have calculators available that will enable you to do your own quota and credit transfer calculations throughout the month. Also posted for your reference are FAQs and contact information for all BCMMB staff and management.

If you require immediate Quota Management assistance during her absence, please contact the office at 604.556.3444

Message from John Pruim

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as a member of the BCMMB. I thank you for the trust and confidence you have put in me. I have enjoyed being part of this vibrant industry. I treasure the relationships I could build with producers and processors all across B.C. and Canada. I wish the Board members, and especially my replacement Tom Hoogendoorn, well.

"May you all have God's blessing for the new year."

Sincerely, John Pruim