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Issues Update August 2012

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Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend Price

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

BF= \$9.2951, PR= \$8.5367, OS= \$1.7390 or an equivalent return of \$70.9445 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$74.8041 in June 2012, with a difference of (\$3.8596)/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for the month of July was \$1,543,883. Please refer to the BCMMB Statistics for the month of July 2012 for more details.

BC Dairy Industry Conference 2012 | November 28-30 2012

Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel & Vancouver Convention Centre

Join your fellow dairy producers and industry affiliates at the 4th Annual BC Dairy Industry Conference where we will explore the concept of **Innovation: Thriving in a Changing World**. Industry experts and community leaders will incite engaging conversation and bring forward inspiring ideas that will make you think about the opportunities that exist on your own farm. Throughout the conference, you will also have the opportunity to enjoy local wines, 100% Canadian cheeses and canapés and network with dairy farmers and other industry professionals.

Last year's conference was a huge success, with registration up over 14% from the previous year. Don't miss out on this highly anticipated event! To register now go to www.bcdairyconference.ca



IMPORTANT | 2012 BCMMB Election-Voting and Nomination Registration Information

Election Information Packages will be distributed in mid August to all producers by the Independent Elections Officer (IEO). Each package will contain the Election Rules and Procedures, a Voting Producer Registration Form, a Nomination Form and an Election Timeline. The IEO for the BCMMB Election is the BC Council of Marketing Boards. In an effort to ensure all producers are registered to vote in this year's election the Voting Producer Registration Form will be made available immediately to all producers online at www.milk-bc.com

Producers operating as partnerships or limited farm companies must submit their Voting Producer Registration Forms to the IEO by September 28th, 2012 if they want to vote in the election. (Producers operating as sole proprietors are *not required* to submit Voting Producer Registration Forms).

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."

If you have any questions regarding the 2012 BCMMB Election please contact the Independent Elections Officer, Jack Wessel, directly at 604.302.1046 or by email to jackwessel@me.com

Dairy Industry Development Council (DIDC) Levy

Effective August 1, the Dairy Industry Development Council Levy was revised to \$1.00 per hectolitre on all milk, plus an additional \$1.07 on manufactured milk. This represents a 10 cent/hectolitre increase. Dairy producers throughout BC supported the levy at regional meetings held earlier this year. Proceeds received are directly earmarked for expanding domestic markets for milk and dairy products.

If you have questions or comments about the levy and the activities it funds, please contact Dave Eto, BC Dairy's Executive Director/CEO, or your regional representative on the BCDA Board.

Please contact Dave Eto at deto@bcdairy.ca or direct at 604.294.3775

Notice to Producers

The following is a list of recent notices sent out to producers:

- **Notice to Producers**-DIDC Levy Increase Effective August 1 2012
- **Notice to Producers**-Credit Transfer Policy for DDPIP Producer Participants

To see these complete notices and all other Notice to Producers please visit www.milk-bc.com

Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of June and July are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	Jun	Jul
Zone Transportation Costs	3.09	3.05
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.08)	(0.07)
Less: I/P Freight Cost Recovery	(0.03)	(0.04)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.98	2.94
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	(0.02)	(0.02)
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.11	3.07

Continuous Quota

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

	June 2012	%*
	Kg of BF	
NL	-149,708	-7.41%
P5	-837,731	-0.35%
WMP	368,600	0.50%
P10	-618,839	-0.20%
BC	163,425	0.63%

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

Effective August, 2012 the BCMMB will be testing milk for water content twelve times per year.

Previously, cryoscope (water) testing was performed four times per year. This testing will occur during the Ministry's official week.

Effective February, 2012 the Ministry raised the added water violation level from 1.8% to 3.7%.

General Inquiries

For General Inquires and assistance please contact reception at

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Please ensure you are subscribed online at www.milk-bc.com to receive all important notifications.

Go to Producer Zone and click on the "Subscribe here" link to receive all Producer notices into you inbox! (Notice to Producers, Issues Update, Statistics, Policy Information, Monthly Statements) Receive them the day they are sent!

Milk Quality Report

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

Milk Quality Data	Jun	Jul
Individual Bacteria Count	16,244	19,855
Somatic Cell Count	175,769	180,588
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	59.07%	56.32%

Producer Payments

Participants in the July, August and September Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
July	Aug 1	Aug 20
August	Sep 4	Sep 20
September	Oct 1	Oct 18

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective July 1 st	Conventional/Organic
Average Price	\$10.00/\$6.00

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	Sep 4 @ 4:30pm	Oct 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Aug 24 @ 4:30pm	Aug 1 Sep 1
If you have any questions please contact Kathy Wallis 604.854.4471 kwallis@milk-bc.com		

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Quota Management

Important Reminder to all Producers who are a Corporation

On June 26, 2012 the Board sent a letter to all corporate producers requesting submission of an updated copy of your Central Securities Register (CSR) and Register of Directors (ROD) with a deadline of August 1, 2012. It is essential for the Board to have this up to date information for our records to best serve the industry.

Producers who have not yet complied with this request are now suspended from all quota transactions (Quota Exchange & Credit Transfers) and participation in Incentive Days, until such time as the documents are submitted to the Board office.

Please Note that non-compliance resulted in disqualification of several producers from participating on the August Quota Exchange.

These standard corporate documents can be obtained from either your accountant or lawyer and can be emailed directly to kwallis@milk-bc.com or faxed to 604.556.7717.

Documents are required to be submitted even if no changes have been made since they were last submitted.