



Issues Update April 2013

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Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend Price

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

BF= \$10.8114, PR= \$8.9046, OS= \$1.9580 or an equivalent return of \$78.8374 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$74.8296 in February 2013, with a difference of \$4.0078/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for the month of March was \$575,655.13. Please refer to the BCMMB Statistics for the month of March 2013 for more details.

Over Quota Policy

Individual producers will be assessed the 50% over-quota production penalty as BC's previous monthly Continuous Quota amount is above 100% (***or 0.00% as per the BC Continuous Quota Position provincially**). The monthly Canadian Dairy Commission statistics will continue to be used to determine BC's official Continuous Quota percentage of production.

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BC Continuous Quota Position

March 2013 *forecasted	+0.49%
April 2013 *forecasted	+0.52%

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Zahra Abdalla-Shamji at 604.854.4480 or zabdalla@milk-bc.com



Credit Transfer Policy Consultation

The Board completed another year of successful spring producer meetings across British Columbia. The primary focus of these meetings was to provide producers an update of the National, regional and provincial production and policy issues. One of the primary policy discussions centered on the Boards continued consultation on long term policy changes to the current credit transfer policy for British Columbia.

The Board has received and reviewed numerous comments and feedback from individual producers as well as regional groups over the last six months. As the Board progresses through the consultation process, further input and advice from the CDQ Mechanics Committee (April 22, 2013), MIAC (April 22, 2013) and the BC Dairy Association (May 29, 2013) has been organized to define a credit transfer policy that will complement the needs of the national system and continue to provide the required flexibility to BC producers.

A Board decision on a new credit transfer policy will be provided following the above noted consultative meetings.

Notice to Producers

Notice to Producers-Organic Sleeve-May 1, 2013

To see this notice in detail and a complete listing of all other Notice to Producers please visit www.milk-bc.com

Reminder: Organic Producers

All Organic Producers are reminded to ensure you have a current Organic Certificate on file with the BC Milk Marketing Board office.

Organic Producers – Sleeve Confirmation

Organic producers are reminded to confirm in writing their intent to produce the 6.5% sleeve for the period of May 1 2013 – July 31, 2013. Confirmation letters should be received by the BCMMB staff no later than April 20, 2013 by 4:30pm.

For complete details please see April 4, 2013 Notice to Producers – Organic Sleeve – Effective May 1, 2013.

No further reminders will be provided. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Woody Siemens at wsiemens@milk-bc.com or 604.854.4476

Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of January and February are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	Feb	Mar
Zone Transportation Costs	2.91	2.96
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.08)	(0.07)
Less: I/P Freight Cost Recovery	(0.06)	(0.04)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.77	2.85
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.28	0.30
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.14)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.03	(0.04)
Net Provincial Freight Rate	2.94	2.97

Continuous Quota

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

February 2013

	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-72,496	-3.79%
P5	1,179,297	0.50%
WMP	365,676	0.50%
P10	1,472,477	0.47%
BC	113,023	0.44%

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

REMINDERS: For Producers who are a Corporation

1. It is the Producer’s responsibility to inform the Board in writing one calendar month before any change is made with respect to the shareholder structure or allotment of shares within the Corporation. **Prior to initiating any structural change of shareholders within the Corporation or a Change of the President of the Corporation**, please contact Kathy Wallis kwallis@milk-bc.com or 604-854-4471 to ensure that the proposed changes fall within the exempt transfer provisions of the BC Milk Marketing Board Consolidated Order. If it is determined that the transfer is acceptable within the Board’s Family Transfer Policy, Kathy can provide you with a Continuous Daily Quota (Name Change) Transfer Application and a detailed list of the corporate documents (Register of Directors and Central Securities Register) required to complete the name change by the desired effective date.
2. Quota Exchange “Buyer” and “Seller” Application forms and Name Change Transfer application forms can only be signed by the **registered quota holder – this is the President of the Corporation as on file with the BCMMB**
3. CDQ Buy/Sell Credits Application forms can only be signed by either the registered quota holder, or a signatory with valid authorization from the registered quota holder on file with the BCMMB.

If you need more information or have any question please contact Kathy Wallis at kwallis@milk-bc.com

Milk Quality Report

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

Milk Quality Data	Feb	Mar
Individual Bacteria Count	18,220	18,118
Somatic Cell Count	157,779	152,081
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	72.45%	75.14%

Producer Payments

Participants in the March | April | May Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
March	Apr 2	Apr 17
April	May 1	May 17
May	Jun 3	Jun 19

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective March 1 st	Conventional/Organic
Average Price	\$11.87/\$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	May 1 @ 4:30pm	Jun 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Apr 25 @ 4:30pm	Apr 1 May 1
If you have any questions please contact Kathy Wallis		
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