

### BC Continuous Quota Position as of

April 2014 = -0.69%  
May 2014 \*forecasted -0.65%

### Notice to Producers

For all recent Notice to Producers  
Please visit [www.milk-bc.com](http://www.milk-bc.com)

### Industry Update Regarding Board Actions regarding Chilliwack Cattle Sales

Since the very serious animal welfare issue surfaced last week at Chilliwack Cattle Sales, the BC Milk Marketing Board (Board) has been clear in its response. Any mistreatment of animals is absolutely unacceptable. Although animal welfare does not come under the Board's authority, the Board has taken appropriate actions with respect to our role as a regulating authority. To that end, the Board met with the responsible authorities, requesting a report ensuring that animal welfare issues are being addressed and that an oversight plan for continued monitoring is in place. On June 12, 2014, based on the Board's concern for the ethical treatment of animals, the Board suspended milk pick-up from Chilliwack Cattle Sales, until it was satisfied that all of the animal welfare issues were being addressed appropriately.

Following receipt, review and acceptance of that report on June 13, 2014, the Board decided to resume normal milk pick-up and delivery policies. The June 14, 2014 Notice to Industry also provides additional actions the Board will require over time, such as independent audits and monitoring.

Understandably this issue provokes a lot of questions about how this happened, what authorities will do next in this particular case and what changes need to take place in the industry moving forward in order to be assured that dairy cows are well cared for. The Board expects all producers to follow the *Code of Practice for Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle*.

(<http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/dairy-cattle>)

**In addition, the Board has received requests from processors that milk orders do not include milk deliveries from Chilliwack Cattle Sales until the additional independent audits have been completed. The Board will act in accordance with processor requests and due to lack of market, the milk will be destroyed. These decisions have been made as interim measures to ensure orderly marketing of milk in the current circumstances.**



### Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of April and May are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	Apr	May
Zone Transportation Costs	3.09	3.08
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.07)	(0.07)
Less: I/P Freight Cost Recovery	(0.00)	(0.00)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	3.02	3.01
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.30	0.31
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.14)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.01	0.03
<b>Net Provincial Freight Rate</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.21</b>

### Continuous Quota

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

	April 2014	
	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-98,983	-5.07%
P5	398,497	0.17%
WMP	-799,640	-1.08%
P10	-500,126	-0.16%
BC	<b>-181,571</b>	<b>-0.69%</b>

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

### Milk Quality Report

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

Milk Quality Data	Apr	May
Individual Bacteria Count	17,783	18,132
Somatic Cell Count	149,934	156,738
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	79.32%	77.29%

### Producer Payments

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

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
April	May 1	May 20
May	June 2	June 18
June	July 2	July 18

### Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Conventional   Organic	
Average Price	\$10.98	\$8.80

A Summary of Credit Transfer Statistics can be found at [www.milk-bc.com](http://www.milk-bc.com) with other credit transfer documents.

### Quota Management-Important Dates

Application Deadlines	Date & Time	Effective Date(s)
Quota Exchange	July 2 @ 1:00pm	Aug 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	June 25 @ 1:00pm	June 1 July 1

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### Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of May are as follows: BF= \$10.4568, PR= \$9.7578, OS= \$1.9885 or an equivalent return of \$80.4924 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$78.8638 in April 2014, with a difference of \$1.6286/std.hL. The P10/WMP equalization transfer for the month of May was \$1,258,308.15. Please refer to the BCMMB Statistics for the month of May 2014 for more details.

### Buyer & Seller Credit Registries

Buyer & Seller Credit Registries available on the BCMMB website are a valuable resource for producers needing to Buy (overshipping) or Sell (undershipping) Credits. The value of these lists is a direct result of producer participation. Organic producers are encouraged to utilize the newly added Buyer & Seller Credits registries for Organic producers. Please ensure that you clearly identify that you are an Organic producer when requesting your name be added to the list so that staff can ensure that you are added to the Organic list.

\*\*Please note that Organic producers are only permitted to participate in credits transfers in/out with other Organic producers

Please contact Pam at 604.854.4474 or [pgregory@milk-bc.com](mailto:pgregory@milk-bc.com) if you have credits available to Buy or Sell and would like your name added to a registry. Your name will automatically be removed 90 days from the initial listing date.

[www.milk-bc.com](http://www.milk-bc.com)

### Staffing Announcement

The BC Milk Marketing Board is very pleased to welcome Vicki Crites to the team while Zahra Abdalla-Shamji is on maternity leave. Vicki assumes the role of Policy and Communications Manager. Vicki comes to us with an extensive background in policy and intergovernmental relations. She has more than 10 years' experience providing analysis, advice and contributing to policy initiatives in both the public and private sector. We look forward to having her insight and support as we move forward with our strategic plan. Vicki can be contacted by email at [vcrites@milk-bc.com](mailto:vcrites@milk-bc.com) or direct at 604.854.4480

### Producer Licences

The annual licence fee and levies for Producer Licences effective August 1, 2014 will be deducted from the producer payments to be deposited on July 18, 2014. Licences will be mailed out in late July and must be displayed in the milk house, preferably next to your Dairy Farm Licence issued by the BC Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Health Management and Regulation.

