

### Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of November are as follows: BF=\$10.2849, PR=\$8.1677, OS=\$1.8349 or an equivalent return of \$73.8601 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$73.7346 in October 2015 with a difference of \$0.1255/std.hL.

The P10/WMP equalization charged to the producer pool in November for the production month of October was \$2,683,796.

### BC Continuous Quota Position

as of

October 2015 = +0.03%\*

**November 2015 \*forecasted= +0.25%**

*\*Please note that the variability between the projected October 2015 continuous quota figure and the actual figure is due to a recent calculation change by the Canadian Dairy Commission.*

### Notice to Producers

For all recent Notices to Producers

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

### December 2015 Quota Management Deadlines

#### Quota Management Deadlines:

**Early Deadline: December 21, 2015 – 1:00 PM**

Buy/Sell Credits, Transfers – effective Dec 1, 2015 & Jan 1, 2016

**Early Deadline: December 21, 2015 – 1:00 PM**

Quota Exchange balance due for December 2015 purchases

### BCMMB 2015 Holiday Office Hours

December 24, 2015 – Office Closed

December 25, 2015 – Office Closed

December 28, 2015 – Office Closed

December 31, 2015 – Office Closed at noon

January 01, 2016 – Office Closed

### 2015 Election Results

The BCMMB congratulates Cornelis Hertgers and Dick Klein Geltink on their successful re-election to the Board for an additional three-year term. The Board wishes to thank all four of the candidates for participating in the election process and producers for casting their votes.

Here is a brief summary of the election process that took place: by October 13, 2015, the Independent Elections Officer (IEO) had received four nominations for the two Board member positions that were open for election. Voter registration and information packages were sent to producers by mail (mid-August), and the deadline for submitting ballots to the IEO was November 27, 2015 at the completion of the AGM. The ballots were counted immediately following the AGM on November 27, 2015. All licensed producers registered to vote as at September 28, 2015 were eligible to vote in the election. Of the 501 licensed producers, 352 were registered and eligible to vote. Of those registered, eligible voters: 23 voted online and 160 used a paper ballot (either mail-in or in-person at the AGM). In short, 183 producers of 501 voted in this election.

The Board also thanks Heather Carriere, the IEO, for excellent service in leading the BCMMB Board member election efforts and ensuring a fair and transparent process.

### 50% Over Quota Policy Suspension

Due to policy changes at the national level and pending decisions at the next CMSMC meeting in January 2016, **the Board has suspended the 50% over quota penalty for the month of November 2015.**

Producers who produce over quota milk will continue to not receive pay for the over quota milk, but will not be assessed the 50% penalty. The Board will continue to monitor the market requirements and national policy changes and provide information to the industry as required.

### Provincial Freight

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

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	October	November
Zone Transportation Costs	3.09	2.92
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.08)	(0.09)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	3.01	2.83
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.31	0.31
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.14)	(0.16)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.01	0.00
<b>Net Provincial Freight Rate</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>2.98</b>

### Continuous Quota

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

	October 2015	%*
	Kg of BF	
NL	-105,446	-5.12%
P5	1,229,089	0.50%
WMP	-301,944	-0.38%
P10	821,699	0.25%
BC	<b>8,948</b>	<b>0.03%</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 October and November are:

Milk Quality Data	October	November
Individual Bacteria Count	20,713	20,505
Somatic Cell Count	182,463	174,536
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	71.40%	72.12%

### Producer Payments

Participants in the November | December | January Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
November	Dec 1	Dec 17
December	Jan 4	Jan 20
January	Feb 2	Feb 19

### Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective Nov 1	Conventional   Organic	
Average Price	\$9.31	\$9.14

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	Jan 4 @ 1:00pm	Feb 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Dec 21 @ 1:00pm	Dec 1 Jan 1

If you have any questions, please contact:

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### IMPORTANT Policy Updates this month:

#### Going Concern Sales and Farm Sales

Please see the important policy update regarding Going Concern Sales (100%) and Farm Sales (50%) effective December 1, 2015. Please see the Notice to Producers for details:

Notice to Producers – Going Concern Sales and Farm Sales

#### Organic Policy Guide Update

The Specialty (Organic) Policy Guide has been revised, effective December 1, 2015. Please see the Notice to Producers for details:

Notice to Producers – Organic Policy Guide Update

### Quota Management

#### Authorization Forms:

An Authorization Form is completed when a Producer (registered quota holder) wants to give their authority for the BC Milk Marketing Board (BCMMB) to supply information to a person and/or company. The authorization form must be completed and signed by the registered quota holder, the President of the Corporation, or all partners of a partnership.

Please note that only the registered quota holder can sign Quota Exchange Application forms, CDQ Name Change Transfer Application Forms, Assignment of Continuous Daily Quota Security Agreements and authorization forms. 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.

#### Changes to a Producer's File:

Any requests to make changes to a Producer's information held with the BCMMB must be completed and signed by the registered quota holder, the President of the Corporation, or all partners of a partnership.

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### Merry Christmas

The BC Milk Marketing Board and Staff would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of our producers and their families for a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to working with you in 2016!

