

### Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of December are as follows: BF=\$10.7736, PR=\$8.0119, OS=\$1.8713 or an equivalent return of \$75.3228 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$73.8601 in November 2015 with a difference of \$1.4627/std.hL.

The P10/WMP equalization charged to the producer pool in December for the production month of November was \$1,432,329, less over quota funds received from the P5. BC received \$536,127 from the P5 for November 2015.

### BC Continuous Quota Position

as of  
November 2015 = 0.25%  
**December 2015 \*forecasted = 0.36%**

### Notice to Producers

For all recent Notices to Producers

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

### Important: New Installations

Reminder to all dairy producers planning on installing new equipment, from bulk tanks to robotic milking systems: it is a requirement of the BC Ministry of Agriculture to notify the ministry of all planned installations and major changes to your operation. It is mandatory to submit blue prints to the ministry of all equipment **prior** to installation to ensure that your equipment is licensed and approved in a timely manner.

If you are planning an installation, please contact Lynette Hare at 604-556-3093 or Roger Pannett at 604-556-3017.

### 2016 Spring Producer Meetings

The Board is currently finalizing its regional spring producer meetings. Please watch for an upcoming *Notice to Producers* with the spring meeting scheduled dates for March 2016.

All producers are welcome to attend the spring regional producer meetings.

### Organic Grass-Fed & Heritage Breed Milk Production Expression of Interest

The Board is seeking producers interested in producing organic grass-fed and heritage breed milk to source the request of a BC processor. Interested producers must submit their interest for production of organic grass-fed and heritage breed milk in writing to the Board in the form of a business plan or letter outlining their ability to meet the requirements of this type of milk production.

Please note that there is no quota allocation associated with the request for production of organic grass-fed and heritage breed specific milk, but a premium would apply.

To see a complete list of requirements and pickup and delivery details, please see the January 11, 2015 **Notice to Producers – Organic Grass-Fed & Heritage Breed Milk Production Expression of Interest**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Woody Siemens at 604.854.4476 or [wsiemens@milk-bc.com](mailto:wsiemens@milk-bc.com).

Producers outside of the Fraser Valley who wish to participate in the production of organic grass-fed and heritage breed specific milk will be responsible for any compensatory freight rate associated with pickup and delivery of organic grass-fed and heritage breed specific milk.

**Please provide your interest in production of organic grass-fed and heritage breed specific milk in writing no later than January 25, 2016.**

### 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	2.92	2.93
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.09)	(0.08)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.83	2.85
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.31	0.31
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.16)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Provincial Freight Rate</b>	<b>2.98</b>	<b>3.02</b>

### Continuous Quota

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

November 2015

	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-165,198	-7.76%
P5	1,229,774	0.50%
WMP	-255,788	-0.32%
P10	808,788	0.25%
BC	<b>70,334</b>	<b>0.25%</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 November and December are:

Milk Quality Data	November	December
Individual Bacteria Count	20,505	20,014
Somatic Cell Count	174,536	161,838
Quality Bonus Qualifiers (%)	72.12%	80.36%

### Producer Payments

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

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

### Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective Dec 1	Conventional   Organic	
Average Price	\$10.21	\$9.86

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	Feb 1 @ 1:00pm	Mar 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Jan 25 @ 1:00pm	Jan 1 Feb 1

If you have any questions, please contact:

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**Pam Gregory** 604.854.4474 [pgregory@milk-bc.com](mailto:pgregory@milk-bc.com)

### Quota Management Reminders

All “CDQ Buy/Sell Credit Application Forms” must:

1) Be signed by the “registered quota holder”;

If someone has signed the application form on behalf of the registered quota holder, a valid authorization form must be on file with the BCMMB prior to submission.

2) Indicate the “Effective Date of Transfer”

Due to time restraints, if an effective date is not given, the BCMMB will no longer be calling to confirm the month and the credits will be processed for the first of the following month.

If you have any questions please contact Pam Gregory at [pgregory@milk-bc.com](mailto:pgregory@milk-bc.com)

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

### Quota Management: Quota Exchange

Quota Exchange **Buyers** Application forms are available in the Producer Secure Zone of the BCMMB website or from the BCMMB office. The details with respect to your bank letter are REQUIRED to ensure the timely operation of the Quota Exchange.

Producers submitting a bid to BUY on the Quota Exchange are required to confirm and provide each of the following details in the “Required: section:

1. The “Dollar Amount of the Available Balance” on your bank letter on file with the BCMMB  
Please note that all bank letters are reduced by the amount paid for any previous QE purchases covered by that letter.
2. The “Expiry Date” of the bank letter

If the value of bank letter does not cover the “Full Settlement” of your bid and/or will expire prior to the date when balances are due for quota purchased, it is the producer’s responsibility to ensure that a new bank letter is received by the BCMMB office **prior to the quota exchange deadline**. Failure to comply with these requirements by the deadline may result in your bid being disqualified from participating on the quota exchange.

If you are unsure of the status of your bank letter on file with the BCMMB, please contact the BCMMB office prior to completing and submitting your application form, and we will be happy to check your file for you.

