

General Allocation

After reviewing the current production requirements for the province of British Columbia, and reviewing a recommendation from the MIAC, the Board implemented a general allotment effective February 1, 2016.

Key determinants for this allotment are set out below:

- The amount of CDQ to be allotted is 2.0%
- Consistent with the Consolidated Order, the allotment will be applied on a prorata basis
- Each eligible CQM certified licensed producer's CDQ as at February 1, 2016 will serve as the basis for determining the pro rata CDQ amount

The allotment will be subject to the 10/10/10 assessment policy.

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

BC Continuous Quota Position

as of

December 2015 = -0.64%

January 2016 *forecasted = -0.72%

Incentive Days

On January 22, 2016, the CMSMC agreed to change the existing growth allowance from 2% to 5% in order to support the replenishment of Plan A stocks and meet existing production requirements for the market. This change at the national level changes the production requirements for the province of British Columbia. In order to supply the market and not lose production opportunity, the Board has added the following incentive days:

- **February 2016 1.0 Production Day**
- **March 2016 1.0 Production Day**
- **April 2016 1.0 Production Day**

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

New Milk Pickup & Delivery Data Collection System

We are preparing to launch our new mobile data collection units with transporters and would like to inform producers of the changes that are part of the new system.

With the new system transporters will no longer be using printers or leaving pickup slips at the farm.

Since we will be using your email to send pickup information and provide lab test results, we encourage all producers to login to the BC Milk producer website and ensure that we have your correct email address. Please also ensure that you have affiliates setup correctly with appropriate access to receive lab results or pickup information.

Please see NTP of February 9, 2016 for further information:
New Milk Pickup & Delivery Data Collection System

2016 Spring Producer Meetings

Date	Region	Location	Time
March 1	Fraser Valley	Ramada Inn - Abbotsford	7:30 pm
March 3	Bulkley Valley	Hudson Bay Lodge - Smithers	11:00 am
March 3	Cariboo & Peace River	Treasure Cove Hotel – Prince George	7:00 pm
March 7	Fraser Valley	Rainbow Country Inn - Chilliwack	7:30 pm
March 8	Okanagan	Prestige Inn – Salmon Arm	10:00 am
March 10	Kootenay	Ramada Inn - Creston	10:30 am
March 15	Vancouver Island	Coast Bastion Inn - Nanaimo	7:30 pm

Provincial Freight

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

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	December	January
Zone Transportation Costs	2.93	2.93
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.08)	(0.15)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.85	2.78
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.31	0.32
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.14)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.00	0.02
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.02	2.98

Continuous Quota

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

	December 2015	
	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-257,376	-11.70%
P5	-776,145	-0.31%
WMP	-1,111,976	-1.40%
P10	-2,145,497	-0.65%
BC	-178,770	-0.64%

*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 December and January and are:

Milk Quality Data	December	January
Individual Bacteria Count	20,014	21,457
Somatic Cell Count	161,838	153,539
Quality Bonus Qualifiers(%)	80.36%	78.96%

Producer Payments

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

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
January	Feb 1	Feb 18
February	Mar 1	Mar 17
March	Apr 1	Apr 19

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective Jan 1	Conventional Organic	
Average Price	\$11.34	\$5.33

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	Mar 1 @ 1:00pm	Apr 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Feb 25 @ 1:00pm	Feb1 Mar 1

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Producer Component Prices and Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of January are as follows: BF=\$10.5342, PR=\$7.8254, OS=\$1.8219 or an equivalent return of \$73.5772 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$75.3228 in December 2015 with a difference of (\$1.7456)/std.hL.

The P10/WMP equalization charged to the producer pool in January for the production month of December was \$1,334,777.

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Non-Qualifying Milk Policy

It is the responsibility of every producer to ensure that milk made available for pick-up meets the provincial guidelines. A producer whose milk has been found to contain veterinary drug residues or inhibitory substance residues is not permitted to sell or supply milk until a subsequent bulk milk sample taken from the farm bulk milk tank tests negative. See full policy here: [Non-Qualifying Milk Policy](#)

Testing facilities are scarce. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have access to testing equipment for the drugs that you use on your farm. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kelly Harris at 604-854-4479 or kharris@milk-bc.com

Transition to proAction©

The BC Milk Marketing Board plans to transition to *proAction*© for the mandatory Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle (Code) on-farm. The *proAction*© animal care module is based on the Code. In November 2015, the BC Dairy Association (BCDA) began implementation of the *proAction*© animal care module with training and validation of BC farms.

Over the next several months, the Board will consult with stakeholders and the Board's Animal Welfare Policy Working Group to transition the duty for animal care mandatory compliance with the Code to BCDA. The Board will continue to maintain its authority to ensure compliance with the Code, under its orders. Therefore, the Board will also continue its industry program and inspections for compliance during the transition.

Please see the Notice to Industry for more details: [Transition to proAction](#)

For further information, please contact Vicki Crites, Manager, Policy and Communication: vcrites@milk-bc.com.

