

### Producer Component Prices

The producer component prices for the month of December are as follows: BF=\$16.7337, PT=\$2.5818, OS=\$0.7102. The average BC producer hectoliter return for the month is \$84.1214 compared to \$83.7026 in November an increase of \$0.4188.

The net equalization payment charged to the producer pool in December for the production month of November was \$1,332,560.

### Updated Special Pickup Costs

The following changes were made in order to keep milk transport efficient and continue to provide all producers with cost effective transportation in BC. The minimum cost of special pickups, non-scheduled pickups, or emergency pickups increased from \$150 to \$250 per pickup, effective January 1, 2019. Please note consistently scheduled pickups that occur other than every other day will remain at the everyday pickup charge of \$150.

Any producer wishing to go on to a daily pickup schedule must give two weeks' notice to the BCMMB and must remain on daily pickup for at least one month. Two weeks' notice must also be given to come off of daily pickup. If TWO WEEKS NOTICE is not given, these extra pickups would be considered "special pickups" and will be charged at the minimum rate of \$250 per extra pickup.

Please see Notice to Producers of November 20, 2018 for further details [Special Pickup Costs – November 20, 2018](#)

### Driveway Policy Important Reminders - Winter Conditions

The following are general reminders to all producers for winter driveway conditions to ensure safe and consistent milk pick-ups. In winter conditions, that portion of the driveway and yard on which the tanker travels must be cleared of snow. Any icy surfaces should be salted and/or sanded. It is the producer's responsibility to ensure haulers entering your yard can do so safely and without incident. If safety of the driver and/or truck and trailer is at risk, producers run the risk of additional milk pickup fees, or missing their milk pick up altogether.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:  
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### 2019 Spring Producer Meetings

The Board is currently finalizing its regional spring producer meeting dates. Please watch for an upcoming *Notice to Producers* with the spring meeting scheduled dates for March 2019.

All producers and industry stakeholders are encouraged to attend the spring regional producer meetings.

### BC Continuous Quota Position

November 2018 Actual -2.28%

### NEP Deadline: February 1, 2019

The final deadline for applications to the New Entrant Program (NEP) is February 1, 2019. All completed application forms together with the administrative fee must be in to the BCMMB office by close of business on Friday, February 1, 2019, to be eligible for consideration for the program. If you have any questions about the application process for the program, please contact: [vcrites@bcmilk.com](mailto:vcrites@bcmilk.com)

### Important Reminder: 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 blueprints 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.

### 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	3.16	3.17
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.10)	(0.11)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	3.06	3.06
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.34	0.34
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.14)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.01	0.00
<b>Net Provincial Freight Rate</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>3.26</b>

### Continuous Quota

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

	November 2018	
	Kg of BF	%*
NL	-143,494	-6.89%
P5	3,906,831	-1.41%
WMP	-2,616,382	-2.78%
P10	-6,666,706	-1.79%
BC	<b>-760,665</b>	<b>-2.28%</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	26,619	20,551
Somatic Cell Count	163,355	162,246
Quality Bonus Qualifiers(%)	73.32%	78.15%

### Producer Payments

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

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
January	Feb 01	Feb 20
February	Mar 01	Mar 19
March	Apr 01	Apr 17

### Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective Dec 1 2018	Conventional   Organic	
Average Price	\$8.46	\$5.33

A Summary of Credit Transfer Statistics can be found at [bcmilk.com](http://bcmilk.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

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### Important Notice to all Producers participating on the Quota Exchange:

Please note that Effective January 1, 2019 the BCMMB is no longer mailing out Quota Exchange Results letters to producers participating on the Quota Exchange. Results letters are emailed to all exchange participants following the publication of each exchange.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Wallis @ 604.854.4471 or [kwallis@bcmilk.com](mailto:kwallis@bcmilk.com).

### Quota Management Consultations

A reminder to Producers - if you would like to meet with Kathy Wallis in the BCMMB office for a Quota Management consultation, it is advisable to contact her in advance at 604.854.4471 or [kwallis@bcmilk.com](mailto:kwallis@bcmilk.com), to schedule an appointment.

This will ensure that she has adequate time available to answer all of your questions and if necessary, to provide assistance with the requirements to implement any changes with respect to your quota and/or farm structure.

### Contacting BCMMB Staff:

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