

Producer Component Prices

The producer component prices for the month of February are as follows: BF=\$16.5933, PT=\$2.5721, OS=\$0.7068. The average BC producer hectoliter return for the month is \$83.7559 compared to \$84.1943 in January, a decrease of \$0.4384.

The net equalization payment charged to the producer pool in February for the production month of January was \$2,422,486.

BC Continuous Quota Position

January 2019 Actual -1.30%

Thank you for attending the 2019 Regional Spring Producer Meetings

The Board would like to thank all producers who were able to take the time to attend the spring producer meetings held across BC this month.

Attendance was very good and the Board sincerely appreciates the active participation of producers.

Reminder: Organic Producers

All organic producers are required to have a current organic certificate on file with the BCMMB office and must provide the certificate as soon as they receive it. These certificates are supplied directly to organic processors and the Board must have the most up to date certificate on file, or you are at risk of not having your milk picked up as organic. It is the producer's responsibility to ensure that the BCMMB has the most up to date organic certificate on file.

Important: We require an updated certificate annually, as processor certifiers do not accept certificates that have passed their anniversary or inspection date.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Woody Siemens at 604.854.4486 or wsiemens@bcmilk.com or send your updated organic certificates directly to Lori Sharpe lsharpe@bcmilk.com

Liability Insurance Update

On November 19, 2018, the BCMMB issued a notice for consultation regarding the need for mandatory commercial and products liability insurance. Through the consultation feedback, the Board determined that its primary focus is products liability insurance not general commercial liability insurance. The Board has also determined that a group approach for this type of policy would support the current practices in BC and western Canada. A products liability policy with our Western Milk Pool (WMP) partners may be an ideal way to move forward as the WMP commits to supply agreements together and moves milk interprovincially to maintain efficiencies and secure markets.

The WMP boards are currently working with a few insurance companies to determine costs and feasibility of this type of policy. No commitments have been made as the logistics of this type of arrangement will require careful consideration. The Board recognizes that the time required to coordinate this policy will be longer than originally indicated in November 2018, and therefore the Board will provide regular updates on the progress of this policy.

Since the Board is reviewing a group approach, producers should not feel pressured to make changes to their commercial insurance policies at this time. The Board is currently conducting its spring meetings and updating producers on the development of the policy.

If you have any questions, please contact Z. Abdalla-Shamji: zabdalla@bcmilk.com

Provincial Freight

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

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	January	February
Zone Transportation Costs	3.13	3.21
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.11)	(0.11)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	3.02	3.10
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.34	0.33
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.15)	(0.14)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	0.06	0.01
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.27	3.30

Continuous Quota

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

	January 2019	%*
	Kg of BF	
NL	-151,781	-7.23%
P5	-2,328,784	-0.84%
WMP	-1,958,628	-2.07%
P10	-4,439,193	-1.19%
BC	-436,989	-1.30%

*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 January and February are:

Milk Quality Data	January	February
Individual Bacteria Count	19,653	19,864
Somatic Cell Count	161,536	155,451
Quality Bonus Qualifiers(%)	80.67%	80.92%

Producer Payments

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

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
March	Apr 01	Apr 17
April	May 01	May 17
May	Jun 03	Jun 19

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective Feb 1	Conventional Organic	
Average Price	\$8.28	\$4.64

A Summary of Credit Transfer Statistics can be found at bcmilk.com with other credit transfer documents.

Quota Management: Important Dates

Application Deadlines	Date & Time	Effective Date(s)
Quota Exchange	Apr 1 @ 1:00pm	May 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Mar 25 @ 1:00pm	Mar 1 Apr 1

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kathy Wallis 604.854.4471 kwallis@bcmilk.com
 Pam Gregory 604.854.4474 pgregory@bcmilk.com

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 inhibitor residues is not permitted to sell or supply milk until a subsequent bulk milk sample taken from the farm bulk milk tank tests negative.

It is the producer's responsibility to contact the BCMMB, or their milk hauler if it is outside of regular office hours, to confirm pickups can resume.

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 direct at 604.854.4479 or by email kharris@bcmilk.com

Quota Management - Corporate Producers:

It is the producer's responsibility to inform the Board a minimum of one calendar month before any change is made with respect to the shareholder structure or allotment of shares within the corporation.

Prior to initiating any structural change of shareholders /shareholdings within the corporation and/or a change of the president of the corporation, please contact Kathy Wallis kwallis@bcmilk.com or 604.854.4471 to ensure that the proposed changes fall within the exempt transfer provisions of the BC Milk Marketing Board Consolidated Order.

If the intention is to change the president (authorized signatory) of the corporation and it is determined that the transfer is acceptable within the Board's Family Transfer Policy, Kathy can provide you with a Continuous Daily Quota Application and a detailed list of the corporate documents required, to complete the change by the desired effective date.

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