

Producer Component Prices

The producer component prices for the month of June are as follows: BF=\$16.9950, PT=\$2.5527, OS=\$0.6836. The average BC producer hectoliter return for the month is \$80.9696 compared to \$81.5484 in May, a decrease of \$0.5788.

The net equalization payment charged to the producer pool in June for the production month of May was \$2,543,278.

Milk Management System (MMS) Update

The Board is excited to announce that we will launch the new IT system (MMS) on August 1, 2019. By **July 17**, all producers should have received an important (yellow) "Producer Verification Form" with their producer licenses by mail. This form needs to be completed and returned to the Board as soon as possible. If you have questions about the form or haven't received it by July 17, please contact Pam Gregory: pgregory@bcmilk.com or (604) 854-4474. Please see the Notice for complete details: [Notice MMS](#)

BCMMB proAction® Process

When a producer has had proAction program registration withdrawn due to non-compliance, the BCMMB receives formal written notification from the BCDA. In accordance with the BCMMB C.O., loss of proAction registration **immediately** results in the producer being ineligible for the following:

- receive the Milk Quality Bonus;
- buy or sell Continuous Daily Quota on the Quota Exchange or otherwise;
- participate in a Credit Transfer;
- re-allocate Continuous Daily Quota among dairy farms;
- receive a temporary producer permit (sleeve);
- receive a general allotment of Continuous Daily Quota by the Board;
- receive incentive days; and
- relocate and register Continuous Daily Quota to another Dairy Farm.

These restrictions apply until such time as the BCDA advises the BCMMB that proAction registration has been achieved by the farm.

Please note that after registration status is withdrawn, the producer must wait a minimum of 90 days before submitting a new Registration Application form to the BCDA to begin the process to achieve re-certification. Three (3) months of complete records are required to begin the process.

PLEASE NOTE: BCDA administers the proAction program; the BCMMB role is only to apply the restrictions noted above.

BC Continuous Quota Position

May 2019 Actual **-0.04%**

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New Entrants Selected

On June 21, the Board announced the three New Entrants invited to begin milk production under the program by the end of the calendar year 2020. The Board congratulates (in alphabetical order): Edward and Melanie Dyson, Port Alberni; Jonathan and Eleny Quapp, Rosedale; and William Romeyn, Chilliwack.

Please see the Notice for complete details: [Notice NEP Invitees](#)

Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of May and June are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	May	June
Zone Transportation Costs	3.17	3.22
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.11)	(0.12)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	3.06	3.10
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.34	0.34
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.16)	(0.16)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	(0.16)	(0.10)
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.08	3.18

Continuous Quota

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

	May 2019	%*
	Kg of BF	
NL	(267,841)	-11.64%
P5	(246,078)	-0.09%
WMP	(1,227,749)	-1.26%
P10	(1,741,668)	-0.46%
BC	(15,120)	-0.04%

*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 May and June are:

Milk Quality Data	May	June
Individual Bacteria Count	25,304	24,758
Somatic Cell Count	164,065	173,559
Quality Bonus Qualifiers(%)	75.69%	72.52%

Producer Payments

Participants in the July | August | September Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
July	Aug 01	Aug 20
August	Sep 03	Sep 19
September	Oct 01	Oct 18

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective June 01	Conventional Organic	
Average Price	\$8.91	\$5.00

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	Aug 01 @ 1:00pm	Sep 01
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Jul 25 @ 1:00pm	Jul 01 Aug 01

If you have any questions, please contact:
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Contaminated Bulk Tank Outlet Valves

Recently it has come to our attention that there are many farms without caps installed on their bulk tank outlet valves. This is concerning because the outlet valve is exposed, and therefore vulnerable to contamination. When the milk supply passes through the valve during transfer to the milk truck, it too will become contaminated and this has resulted in some high bacteria counts for tankers loads.

Producers should always keep the bulk tank outlet valve clean and capped when not in use to prevent milk contamination. If bulk tank outlet caps are missing, they should contact their milking equipment dealer to obtain one as soon as possible.

If outlet caps are not in place and the valve appears unclean or otherwise contaminated, this can trigger rejection of the milk.

It is not up to the bulk tank milk grader to clean the valves.

In addition to missing outlet caps resulting in contaminated valves, the plastic ball bulk tank valves have also been a known source of high IBC to tankers and producers. Bacterial deposits and mold are known to occur inside these plastic valves which were installed on many bulk tanks in October 1991, and still remain in use on many farms. The 27+ year old plastic is worn and contains grooves that harbor bacteria, and the interior of the valve is difficult to inspect and properly clean. It is highly recommended that producers using these valves switch to a sanitary stainless-steel processor style butterfly bulk tank outlet valve with outlet cap to help prevent future milk contamination.

Cooperation on these issues is important in maintaining BC's high milk quality and safety, and we thank producers in advance for making the necessary changes.

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