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## Chairman's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chairman

Over the past few years our communications coordinator, Karlee Conway, has been actively working to have producers, and especially delegates and directors, to become more engaged in advocating for our industry. She has made presentations at producer meetings, delegate events, and numerous calls for action in *MilkingTimes*. Over the past three weeks, her efforts have been put into practice. With the Trump administration in the United States speaking out against the Canadian dairy industry and seeking a review of the NAFTA, we have been active in responding to media requests. I want to acknowledge the level of preparation that Karlee has done for us and for ensuring that all media inquiries were properly dealt with. I also want to thank all the producers that took the time to write letters to various dairy publications, their local media and to those that did numerous radio or television interviews. You did a great job of getting our message out and clearly stating the facts about the Canadian dairy industry and about supply management. Last count shows that we have done over 30 interviews, print, radio and television, so we are being heard and most Canadians are rallying behind their dairy farmers.

Our message is clear: there have been no changes to Canadian regulations related to dairy imports, taxes or tariffs. Globally and in the US, there is an oversupply of milk and Canada is not a contributor to that problem. The U.S. currently enjoys a large trade surplus

for dairy products at a ratio of 5 to 1. The surplus of skim milk solids is an issue farmers around the world are dealing with. The steps taken within the Canadian industry are targeted to help us adapt. Only time will measure our success.

Now that the U.S. has confirmed their trade representative, it is expected that they will provide formal notification of its intent to renegotiate NAFTA. Should formal notification follow, we are confident that our federal government will continue to support supply management. We are all very appreciative of the stance that Prime Minister Trudeau and his cabinet have in repeatedly stating their support for supply management. I also want to acknowledge the provincial government and especially MLA Littlewood, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, for speaking in support of our industry in the Legislative Assembly on May 1, 2017. As well, MP Blaine Calkins (Red Deer-Lacombe) also spoke out in support of supply management. Their acknowledgement of the contribution of dairy and agriculture to the Alberta economy and the value of farm families has not gone unnoticed.

Alberta Milk will continue to support DFC in all efforts to deal with a NAFTA review. Please watch the Members Only site for any updates on this topic.

## our mission

"Alberta Milk leads Alberta's dairy industry. We support the effective operation and advocacy of the supply management system in a vibrant, sustainable and market-focused industry."

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## Board Report

Source: Mike Southwood, General Manager

The Alberta Milk Board of Directors met on April 25-26, 2017.

### Strategic Planning – 2017-18 Business Plan

Building on the strategic planning session held in March, the Board reviewed and supported the refined vision, mission, key success measures, and the strategic priorities. Our new vision and mission are:

**Vision:** Growing a sustainable dairy industry by being a trusted source of quality milk.

**Mission:** Alberta Milk partners with industry stakeholders to support an effective supply management system in a growing, sustainable and market-focused industry.

#### Strategic Priorities:

1. We will effectively advocate for supply management.
2. We will be a trusted partner working with other dairy industry organizations and agriculture groups on common concerns and opportunities.
3. We will encourage industry investment to stimulate sustainable growth.
4. We will think, decide and execute as a western region.
5. We will ensure effective and efficient operations and maintain the regulatory environment that meets the needs of our members.

Specific activities and draft budget will be developed with input from the advisory committees, Finance Committee, and presented at the May Board meeting.

### New Entrants Assistance Program (NEAP)

During the recent Spring Producer Meetings, the parameters of the NEAP was discussed and suggested changes were made at the Central Region meeting. We have also received some feedback from some of the current participants. These comments were reviewed

by the Board. The Board did adopt the following changes to the program parameters.

1. The Board has approved – starting with this fiscal year – that quota increases will apply to the leased quota as well as owned quota. Only the original 25 kg of leased quota will be returned to the Board when participants exit the program.
2. The Board also agreed that the 70 kg upper limit will be waived if the global quota increases cause a participant to go over 70 kg. This only applies to global increases. If quota is purchased the 70 kg limit will remain in place and the NEAP loan will be reduced accordingly.

Before making any other adjustments to the program, the Board requested a full review of the NEAP taking into consideration some of the other points raised and to compare programs in place across Western Canada. This will be done over the next few months.

### DFC Director

At the Dairy Farmers of Canada Annual General Meeting held every July, the DFC delegate body confirms the DFC Board of Directors for the next year. Prior to the AGM, each member organization must select their member or members to serve on the DFC Board. The Alberta Milk Board reappointed Klaas Vander Veen as Alberta Milk's director on the DFC Board.

### Wood Pellet Plant

As has been reported in the media, a forestry company has landed an export contract with the provincial government to produce wood pellets from forestry fiber material in Alberta. Alberta Milk has been contacted by companies that currently provide shavings and sawdust to dairy producers as animal bedding suggesting that this plant will jeopardize the source material to produce wood shavings and sawdust products. Alberta Milk has contacted the minister of Agriculture and Forestry outlining the impacts and consequences of this decision to our industry.



# Alberta Milk Part of Playoff Action

Source: Karlee Conway, Corporate Communications Coordinator

With all the buzz around Alberta during the Stanley Cup playoffs, Alberta Milk wanted to be a part of the action and give more people the opportunity to be able to pour a tall cold one (of milk, of course!). Our Pour a Tall Cold One social media campaign was launched as round 1 did to help cheer on our two Alberta teams. The premise was simple:

- For every goal either team scored, we would donate a month's worth of milk, and
- For every retweet our pinned image received (Twitter), we would donate a day's worth of milk.

The donations were the financial equivalent and must be made towards dairy products at the Calgary or Edmonton Food Bank. Those doubled for round 2. This was a great opportunity to help position dairy farmers as just another fan of the game (encourage trust with consumers), ensure that milk consumption is top of mind, and promote positive dairy messages especially during a time where our industry is receiving a lot of media attention over supply management.

The results were more than we ever imagined.

Throughout the duration of both rounds, we received over 1,700 retweets and reached over 200,000 people. In perspective, we usually get about five retweets and reach about 50,000 each month through Twitter. Heavy hitters in the media were promoting the campaign, Oiler's accounts, as well as Edmonton's Mayor, Don Iveson, participated and promoted it. Albertans celebrated the campaign with some these great messages:

- "Moovelous idea @albertamilk" – Karyn Harrison
- "For the milk – rather than the Oilers!" – Simon Geoghagen
- "RT & help the [@yegfoodbank](#) !!! Who says hockey can't be a force for good? Stuff like this is the only reason I care about [#StanleyCup](#) time" – Jason Gregor
- "Take a moment and RT this...hockey

fans. Enjoy playoffs know you helped those in Need" – Jeremy Woolward

- "Dairy products & #Oilers playoff hockey. [#fewofmyfavoritethings](#) [#mmlmilk](#)" – Antonia

Best of all, we helped over 5,000 people in need get milk when they wouldn't have had the opportunity. So despite our Alberta teams not winning the Cup, we can all have the satisfaction of knowing that what came off your farm is helping those in need pour a tall cold one.

## And the Winner Is...

Source: Karlee Conway, Corporate Communications Coordinator

Congratulations to Carina Sturkenboom for being the recipient of a new iPad! She submitted her farm story.

Here is a snippet:

*"Our story is probably similar to other immigrant. My husband and myself immigrated in 1994, from Holland to start up a dairy farm. My husband had too small of a farm to make a future for us, so the decision was not very difficult. Our dream was to build a farm for 80 cows, which we did. We bought place, with a finisher pig barn on it and started to build a new barn for the dairy cows. We started milking on May 1<sup>st</sup> 1995. We always kept the finisher barn full of piglets, till 2007. Contracts came to an end and not a whole lot of money was made, so we decided to quit the pig business.*

*The dairy side was always good for us, we kept on expanding. Every dollar made went back into the farm and nowadays we milk 400 cows and farm 2400 acres of land.*

*Every stage of farming brings new challenges and that might be the beauty of entrepreneurship."*

She was randomly selected from the variety of other stories we received. Thank you to everyone that took the time to submit a story. We intend on using them to help educate the public about who our dairy farmers are and why what they do is so important.



### deadlines

**quota transfers**  
June 16, at 4:30 p.m.

**credit transfers**  
June 23, at 4:30 p.m.





## Lakeland College Celebrates \$16.6 Million Construction Developments

Source: Taylor Hermiston, Postmedia Network

“partial floor” located between the ground floor and first floor, a traditional milking parlour and a robotic milking system, and focus on cow comfort for higher output production, animal care, and safety and transition cow management.

Energy efficient systems and design are also part of the new DLC, through the Government of Alberta Growing Forward 2 grant.

“Lakeland College has been a leader in Canada for Agriculture learning, teaching for innovation, research and technology. I visited the college about a year ago, and took a tour of their animal health facilities and dairy barns. They made a compelling case that they needed to upgrade the facility,” said Member of Parliament for Lakeland Shannon Stubbs.

It was gratifying for Stubbs see the funding come through, as the shift in federal government postponed funding applications, she added.

“I and my office were happy to work with the college and other partners to put this project on the priority list of the government,” Stubbs said. “It is really owing to the leadership, passion and commitment of the executive members, board of governors, leadership team and the students, who are all strong advocates for this college and for this project in particular.”

The student-designed DLC was led by five guiding principles including safe student and industry training, maximize automation and minimizes environmental impact, transition cow management, cow comfort and animal care, and Bio security, said Maryje Bikker, a second-year dairy major in the animal science technology diploma program and SMF dairy team leader.

“As a group, we got to be a part of the design and building of this barn,” Bikker said. “We were included in industry meetings, building proposal meetings, and had the opportunity to put our own input in and hear professional opinions on things that should be built into the barn and why.”

VERMILION, Alta. - The development of two agriculture learning centres is said to put Lakeland College in the lead by industry and education standards.

Dignitaries, industry partners, and Lakeland alumni, students, employees celebrated the start of construction of the \$9.5 million Dairy Learning Centre (DLC) and \$7.1 million Animal Health Clinic on Wednesday, April 26, at the Vermilion campus’ Student-Managed Farm (SMF).



“This is such an exciting day for us. It is a milestone in terms of being the only post-secondary place that has education for dairy learning in western Canada,” said Lakeland College President and CEO Alice Wainwright-Stewart. “When you start to provide some of the innovative equipment and opportunities for teaching and learning that are going to happen at this dairy facility, it is going to bring people from all over.”

The new DLC will measure by 47,000 square feet by fall of this year, and be utilized by more than 400 agricultural sciences students. It will also house a Holstein dairy herd of 280, including 120 milk cows, replacement heifers, and young stock. As well as, a meeting space fit for 25 people, public viewing mezzanine, or

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She added her favourite part of the new dairy facility is the addressment of the 'old fashioned' way of taking care of animals, while introducing the future with the parlor and robotics.

"It has been a long time coming, and it feels good to be a part of the group who gets to be the face of it. I know a lot of work has been put in and we are all thankful the future of the dairy industry is going to be in the best hands, thanks to this new facility," she said.

Alberta Milk was also a key contributor to the development of the DLC, with the additional of a provided \$5 million milk quota.

Lakeland's current dairy facility can produce approximately 55 kilograms of milk, according to Alberta Milk Chairman Gezinus Martens. With the upgrades to the DLC, Alberta Milk gave them the use for 120 kilograms of extra quota, which relates to a value of almost \$5 million.

"It is very important for the dairy industry to be a part of this because it is all about bringing the industry forward," Martens said. "I think our dairy industry is responsible for the success of the next generation, and you can make that happen by providing the right tools to succeed."

In the meantime, the Sheep and Cattle facility will be fitted for a modern 14,531 square foot Animal Health Clinic by early 2018. The renovation will allow Lakeland to double enrollment in the animal health technology and veterinary medical assistant programs, and offer new lab spaces, allow a wider variety of animal care, significant exposure to animal and food production, and animal handling.

"In terms of strategic planning for our school, we recognized the need and the importance of both of a new animal health clinic and new dairy learning facility in the last seven years," said School of Agricultural Sciences Dean Josie Van Lent, who added the planning process for both projects took about three years to complete.

"We quickly realized that they no longer represented where industry was at, and we had fallen behind."

Each project received funding from the Government of Canada's Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. Both projects have more than half of the funding in place with the remaining funds to be raised through Leading. Learning. The Lakeland Campaign. This campaign builds on Lakeland's solid foundation to expand student success and leadership initiatives.

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To learn more please contact Kelsie at [kgilks@albertamilk.com](mailto:kgilks@albertamilk.com) or 780.577.3327.

## Plan Sought for Marketing During Crisis

Source: [Barbara Duckworth](#), *Western Producer Newspaper*

This story has been shortened due to space. You can find the entire article at [producer.com](http://producer.com).

BSE transformed Canadian agriculture when it was first found in this country in 2003, but the industry has faced other disasters since.

Diseases such as H1N1 in hogs, avian influenza and catastrophic weather disasters all take a toll, so industry and government are developing plans to handle the next event through the livestock market interruption strategy.

Market disruptions and natural disasters require direct action and a common sense response when they occur.

“The public policy objective is to demonstrate there is a problem, and the industry has the responsibility to show it has done everything possible to deal with the problem,” said Bob Burden of Serecon Management.

It is not business as usual during a crisis, and people need to think about how they might survive if their farm is quarantined or if borders were suddenly closed because of a disease like foot-and-mouth.

Getting in touch with people and monitoring movement are among the greater challenges on Alberta's 45,000 registered farms. Livestock moves from farms to auctions, feedlots and processors every day.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency steps in in the event of a major reportable disease and assigns a team to confirm it. It generally assumes the disease is present until proven otherwise.

“The tendency is to err on the side of caution,” he said.

There may not be enough veterinarians to do the work of testing and diagnosis in the case of a big outbreak.

The logistics of destroying animals is daunting because of the large numbers to be handled and then finding a way to dispose of the dead to avoid land and soil contamination.

The current government policy is to manage the disease rather than the market impact. The direct costs associated primarily with disease control and eradication are a fraction of the losses caused by market interruptions. There is a \$5 to \$10 loss in the marketplace for every dollar lost due to disease, said Andres. Any border closure longer than two weeks causes an immediate backlog, especially for hogs.

Healthy animals outside a quarantined area may need to be de-populated because they have reached market weight and there is no place to house them.

Decisions need to be made about sending animals fit for human consumption for processing and who is willing to take them. As well, the domestic market cannot handle a large supply, so more cold storage is needed. International markets would be closed a minimum of 12 months in the case of foot-and-mouth disease, but in reality it would be up to two years to get back into business. All borders immediately closed to Canada when BSE was discovered, resulting in more than \$4 billion in losses. Full market access is still not available.

The current investigation into bovine tuberculosis in southeastern Alberta continues, and estimated losses are difficult to calculate. About \$36 million in compensation for animals ordered destroyed and \$3 million through Agri-Recovery has been paid. A major issue for the more than 50 farms involved was holding cattle when they did not have feed or holding space.

“The lesson out of TB for our producers is you have to be ready for a stoppage. It could happen to you,” Andres said.



# Unauthorized construction and risks for CFO operators

Source: National Resource Conservation Board (NRCB)

Alberta Milk wants to make sure you are fully informed of the legal requirement under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA) to obtain a permit before you begin construction.

The NRCB has recently had to address unauthorized construction of barns and earthen manure storage facilities at a number of confined feeding operations (CFOs). These are not good news circumstances for anyone. The *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA) prohibits construction of a CFO, or a manure storage or manure handling facility, before required permits are issued. Unauthorized construction is a serious offence and can result in penalties that range from enforcement orders to prosecution.

**Before starting any construction, please consult with an approval officer at the nearest NRCB office to determine if the work you want to undertake requires an AOPA permit.**

Required permits **must** be in place before beginning any construction. If you have questions about what constitutes construction and whether you need a permit, contact your nearest NRCB office. You can ask an approval officer to visit your operation to discuss your plans and confirm what aspects of your plan need a permit.

You can also self-report if you realize that work you have started may need a permit. It is better to self-report and resolve the situation with the NRCB, than to continue the unauthorized construction and have to deal with more severe consequences down the road.

## Enforcement

The NRCB may take enforcement action in response to unauthorized construction. Enforcement actions that could be taken include:

- You could be required to dismantle or depopulate the facility.
- You could also be issued a compliance directive or an enforcement order (these are public documents that are posted on the NRCB's website).
- You could be prosecuted, especially if you knew that you needed a permit, or do not cooperate with the inspector.

The NRCB's Unauthorized Construction under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* factsheet is available on its website, at [nrcb.ca](http://nrcb.ca). For more information, please contact an approval officer or an inspector at the NRCB office nearest you.



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## Canadian Dairy History in the Making

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Dairy farmers have been a part of Canada's history for over 150 years, and the passion that drives Canadian dairy farmers will ensure that they will be an integral part of Canada for the next 150 years. By feeding the country in a sustainable way, dairy farmers have withstood the test of time, from before Confederation to the present day.



In celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Dairy Farmers of Canada has produced a book, *Dairy Farmers—Deeply Rooted for a Strong Future* that honours Canada's dairy tradition and the contributions dairy farmers have made to Canada's emergence as a nation.

This booklet traces the emergence of dairy farming in each of Canada's provinces in the order in which they joined Confederation. By featuring a different dairy farm from every province we have captured the unity of a sector that has fed our country in the past and that is committed to doing so for the future.

Dairy Farmers of Canada invites you to learn more about the development of the dairy industry in Alberta, and introduces you to the Crozier family whose ancestors contributed to the creation of this country, and whose current generation is still feeding Canadians today.

The other farms presented in the book were chosen based on each family's availability and interest in the project. DFC is grateful to all of the families for their generosity and the time they dedicated throughout the book's production. To read the complete story or download an electronic version of *Dairy Farmers—Deeply Rooted for a Strong Future*

visit DFC's website, [dairyfarmers.ca](http://dairyfarmers.ca). To request your copy, contact Kim at [Kskolarchuk@albertamilk.com](mailto:Kskolarchuk@albertamilk.com).

### A Friendly Reminder: Stay Informed with the Dairy Express

Are you a dairy farmer? Sign up now for the *Dairy Express*, the bi-monthly e-newsletter published by Dairy Farmers of Canada. To do so, simply send an email to [nicole\\_findlay@dfc-plc.ca](mailto:nicole_findlay@dfc-plc.ca) who will happily add your name to the mailing list.

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## Alberta Hosts DFC AGM

Source: Karlee Conway, Corporate Communications Coordinator

This summer, Alberta will take their turn hosting DFCs AGM on July 18-19 in Edmonton. This annual general meeting brings together industry leaders from across Canada to provide a unique opportunity to network, learn, and discuss the latest industry innovations and issues. We will be hosting tours to Edmonton tourist hotspots like West Edmonton Mall and Whyte Ave, as well as farm tours near Edmonton.

Interested in joining some of the open sessions or tours? Go to [DFCAGM.albertamilk.com](http://DFCAGM.albertamilk.com) to register. Alberta Milk will not be covering any costs associated with registration.

## Summer Events

Source: Karlee Conway and Charmaine Blatz

We are kicking off summer in a big way by heading to events across Alberta to promote milk and helping explain dairy farming to urban folk. The main way we do this is through our exhibit at big events that attract big crowds, but we also sponsor events that we feel we can help us move our message forward to the right people.

These are some summer events we're a part of:

- Alberta School Athletics Track and Field Championships
- Breakfast on the Dairy Farm
- Calaway Park's Rad Day
- Calgary Stampede
- High River Half Marathon - Recovery Camp
- Spartan Race in Red Deer
- World Triathlon - Recovery Camp
- Open Farm Days

## Smoothie Power Winners

Source: Jaclyn Chute, DFC

We are pleased to announce the Smoothie Power winners! We had 35 entries and 19 winners. Each teacher won a blender, measuring cups and spoons, \$50 grocery gift card and class set of recipe/activity booklets to have a smoothie party.

**Megan B**, Sister Mary Phillips School, Fort McMurray

**Dolores A**, Bertha Kennedy Catholic Community School, St. Albert

**Tamara P**, St. Elizabeth Seton School, Edmonton

**Heather W**, Westgate School, Calgary

**Lisa E**, Chief Justice Milvain School, Calgary

**Stephanie S**, St. Maria Goretti School, Edmonton

**Rhonda H**, McLeod School, Edmonton

**Rachel D**, Daly Grove School, Edmonton

**Sue M**, Grandview Elementary School, Red Deer

**Bridget Q**, Holy Family Catholic School, Waskatenau

**Amy W**, A.H. Dakin School, Edson

**Lori A**, G.S. Lakie Middle School, Lethbridge

**Jan M**, Christine Meikle School, Calgary

**Heather H**, Tom Baines Junior High School, Calgary

**Emily S**, Iron Ridge Junior Campus, Blackfalds

**Niamh D**, Onoway Elementary School, Onoway

**Mhairi M**, St. Theresa School, Sherwood Park

**Janet R / Cecelia T**, Aurora Academic Charter School, Edmonton

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# Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions April 2017		
	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	4,220.00
Discarded	0.00	47,430.18
PLR	0.00	194,251.28
Interest	10,137.43	235.64
Metering	61,825.08	0.00
Organic	62,103.93	0.00
Trucking	0.00	1,400.00
Violations	110,627.21	0.00
<b>Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids</b>		<b>(\$0.0003)</b>

Listed below are the Class 5 prices calculated by the Canadian Dairy Commission.

Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) June 2017			
Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	6.9772	4.7474	1.0242
Class 5b	6.9772	1.9677	1.9677
Class 5c	7.1142	1.6930	1.6930
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

Provincial Average Components April 2017	
Butterfat	4.0293 kg/hl
Protein	3.3070 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.7548 kg/hl

Average Milk Prices	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
<b>Apr 2017</b>	<b>81.02</b>
Mar	81.38
Feb	81.28
Jan	80.31
Dec	79.75
Nov	79.46
Oct	79.58
Sep	79.26
Aug	78.56
July	78.96
June	79.09
May	79.22

2015-16 Quota Exchange and Credit Deadlines		
Quota Transfer Deadline Date	Credit Transfer Deadline Date	Effective Date
Jun. 16, 2017	Jun. 23, 2017	July 1, 2017
Jul. 17, 2017	Jul. 24, 2017	Aug. 1, 2017
Aug. 17, 2017	Aug. 24, 2017	Sep. 1, 2017
Sep. 18, 2017	Sep. 25, 2017	Oct. 1, 2017
Oct. 17, 2017	Oct. 24, 2017	Nov. 1, 2017
Nov. 16, 2017	Nov. 23, 2017	Dec. 1, 2017

Provincial Milk Quality Averages		
Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
April 2017	23,140	196,405

# Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
<b>June 2017</b>	<b>105.90</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>
May	30.50	\$39,075
Apr	71.00	\$39,750
Mar	77.30	\$40,000
Feb	43.95	\$40,130
Jan	48.41	\$39,000
Dec	295.54	\$38,000
Nov	270.45	\$38,500
Oct	163.02	\$39,500
Sep	173.13	\$40,300
Aug	17.15	\$40,260
July	119.72	\$39,325
June	55.86	\$39,030
May	133.50	\$38,555

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
<b>May 2017</b>	<b>39,075.00</b>	<b>\$5.21</b>
April	71,067.33	\$6.69
Mar	54,202.40	\$7.13
Feb	85,534.99	\$7.93
Jan	90,187.89	\$8.00
Dec	81,412.53	\$7.21
Nov	78,045.37	\$7.61
Oct	60,409.23	\$8.80
Sept	63,291.48	\$10.08
Aug	59,481.67	\$9.94
Jul	63,446.02	\$9.80
Jun	59,825.00	\$9.94
May	77,106.50	\$9.49
Apr	70,836.79	\$9.22

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	March	April	May	June	July
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
<b>Alberta</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	83,301	84,178	84,832	84,744	84,062
Producer Quota (kg/day)	88,747	91,705	91,436	88,926	88,747
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	83,325	86,056	85,183	85,281	84,464
Producer Position (Days)	-6.80	-7.66	-8.30	-8.71	-9.38
Provincial Position (Days)	-13.04	-13.94	-14.60	-15.23	-16.02
Cumulative Position (%)	-3.72%	-3.98%	-4.09%	-4.27%	-4.41%
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Western Milk Pool</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	237,005	243,450	244,612	244,558	242,660
Pool Quota (kg/day)	238,226	247,541	245,107	246,803	243,393
Cumulative Position (%)*	-4.13%	-4.40%	-4.39%	-4.44%	-4.44%
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0

\*The Western Milk Pool's (WMP's) limits on production are +0.50% and -1.50% of the WMP's rolling 12-month quota.



## New Entrant Assistance Program Update

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Alberta Milk received eight applications for the New Entrant Assistance Program (NEAP) this year and on April 12 and 13, 2017, the Selection Committee met and interviewed all applicants.

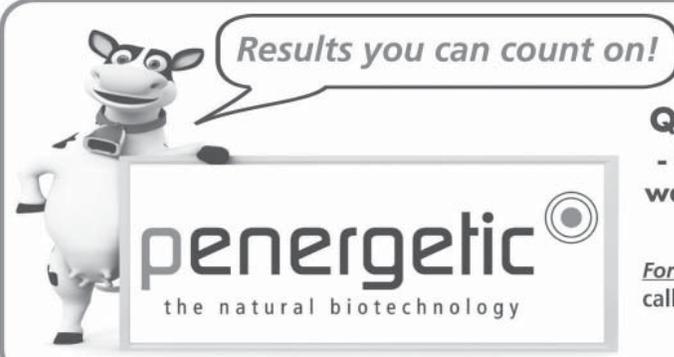
After a thorough review of the applications and the in-person interviews, the Selection Committee unanimously decided to select two applicants to start the program. As per the requirements of the program, the Selection Committee based their decisions on the financial need of the applicants as well as their likelihood of being successful long-term participants in the industry.

We are pleased to welcome two new entrants: Casey and Janine Tilma of Pickardville Municipality and Dylan and Nichole Wintjes of Penhold Municipality to the Alberta dairy farming community. They presented viable business plans, have strong mentoring and significant hands-on dairy experience, making them likely to be successful long-term participants in the dairy industry. We wish them the best as they start up their dairy farms in the next few months.

Please note the Board has approved some changes to the existing NEAP (see Board Report on page 2); and has also requested a full review of the program, taking into consideration some points raised during the Spring Producer Meetings. This will be done in the next few months and producers and the public will be duly informed of any updates to the guidelines.

### Are you on the List?

Alberta Milk now has an email distribution list to help keep our farmers up-to-date on current issues affecting the industry. The primary email you provided us on your account is already included on the list, however, if you would like to include another one, please contact Kim at [kskolarchuk@albertamilk.com](mailto:kskolarchuk@albertamilk.com).



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