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Chairman's Message

Source: Albert Kamps, Chairman

The recent and ongoing fires in northern Alberta that have devastated the residents of Fort McMurray and reminded me about the need for an emergency plan. Many of the residents only had a few hours or less to evacuate their homes and have not been able to return yet. The fact that the evacuation was so orderly speaks to the safety training and practice drills many in the oilfield routinely practice and learn to trust. It seems it takes emergency situations like this to remind us all of the importance of having a plan. We probably also thought about it three years ago during the Southern Alberta floods. I wonder how many of us have taken steps to plan what we would do if confronted with such an emergency?

As dairy producers, we also have the responsibility for, and the complicated factor of dealing with, the livestock we have on our farms. A few years ago, the Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) developed resources for dealing with a pandemic situation. In fact, they developed guides for dairy farmers, milk haulers, provincial marketing boards, and for other business units. I encourage you to think about your plan and to use the resources developed by the CDC to help you get started on an emergency plan. Any plan needs to be well communicated on the farm with all family and staff members. You can find the CDC plan at <http://www.cdc-ccl.gc.ca/CDC/index-eng.php?id=3833>

The other plan that we are encouraging producers to develop is a farm safety plan. As

we featured during the Spring Producer meetings, Alberta Milk has worked with the provincial government on a pilot project for a dairy-specific farm safety approach. You can review a video on the members only site that speaks to the importance of farm safety. A farm safety plan needs to be communicated and developed with farm employees. While it is important to have a plan in its own right, it also supports the new Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act.

The provincial government has announced the six consultation tables that will propose recommendations on how employment standards, occupational health and safety (OHS), and labour relations requirements should be applied, given the unique needs of employers and employees in the agriculture sector. Each table is comprised of 12 people plus a Chairperson, all appointed by the government. Of the six tables, four are directly related to OHS and to education and training. Two Alberta Milk Board Directors have been appointed to two separate tables. We are also actively involved in the AgCoalition. The work of the AgCoalition, as you can read in detail on page 3, is an important opportunity for our organization and the agriculture industry.

To conclude, planning, documenting, communicating and testing a plan – and keeping it current – is a time consuming activity, but will pay off in the event of an emergency.

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 Board of Directors met April 27-28, 2016.

truck. A reminder will be sent to all haulers reinforcing the shared responsibilities within the Rejected Load Policy to ensure quality milk is shipped.

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Ingredients Strategy

The Board discussed the progress being made on the new national ingredient strategy, and more importantly, the Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) ingredient strategy that came into effect April 1. The DFO initiative has the primary objective to create an environment that would be conducive to investment in ingredient infrastructure. The Board was informed that a major part of the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee meeting was spent on discussing a new proposal to add liquid Milk Protein Concentrate (MPC) and skim milk to the 4m MPC class, as a short term initiative so that processors outside of Ontario will not be negatively impacted. An agreement was reached to add liquid MPC and skim milk to the 4m MPC class. This is a temporary measure, happening between May 1 to July 31, 2016, or until a national ingredients strategy agreement is reached.

Heifer International

As was messaged during the Spring Producer meetings, the Board explored the possibility to allow producers to voluntarily support Heifer International through the check-off system on their pay statement. Based on the feedback provided, Alberta Milk concluded that our support would be to provide information to all members annually. In this way, each member can decide for themselves if they want to support this charity. We have since been notified, on May 26, 2016, that Heifer International Canada will be discontinuing its operations. Producers who are still interested in Heifer International's projects, and specifically the East Africa project, can make donations through the Heifer's U.S. donation portal at this site: www.heifer.org.

Rejected Load Policy

A milk hauler expressed concern to the Board, that it is the hauling company that is financially liable for a load of milk that was rejected at the plant for the presence of contaminants in the milk. The Board requested that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) review the policy. It was noted that conditions at the time of milk pickup may not be the best to detect foreign matter, as the milk is well agitated and the lighting may not always be the best. The TAC reviewed the policy and the hauler's situation and presented some options and considerations to the Board. The decision was made to keep the policy as is. The policy recognizes the shared responsibility for good quality milk, which includes the producers' responsibility and the graders' job to detect and reject poor quality milk. As a reminder, the current policy recognizes that producers are responsible for the quality of their milk and are therefore not paid for that volume of rejected milk.

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Farm Safety and the AgCoalition

Source: AgCoalition and Alberta Milk

The Alberta Agriculture Farm and Ranch Safety Coalition (AgCoalition) was formed based on a common industry goal to foster a culture of farm safety in Alberta. In early 2016, producer groups from across the crop and livestock sector met to develop a unified approach to farm safety in response to Bill 6, the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act legislation.

The AgCoalition is producer-driven with a governance structure that will allow us to develop positions that make sense at the farm level. With 29 member organizations, the AgCoalition represents over 97 per cent of the agriculture industry in Alberta and is led by the Industry Leadership Advisory Committee (ILAC), comprised of producer representation from each member organization.

The AgCoalition is prepared to engage on labour relations, employment standards and technical rules, which are included in the legislation. The AgCoalition has a common interest in promoting awareness through improved sharing of applicable farm and ranch safety information and resources, and adopting leading practices in a farm/ranch context to improve overall safety.

Meetings with Government

Producer representatives of the AgCoalition and staff met with Labour Minister Christina Gray and Deputy Minister Jeff Parr on April 18 with an overview of the formation of the AgCoalition. They explained the advantages that the AgCoalition enables with a producer-led membership representing more than 97 per cent of the agriculture industry. The Minister and Deputy Minister were very receptive to the benefits that a working relationship with the AgCoalition would offer.

Communications and meetings with the Ag Ministry continue, in order to maintain an effective working relationship. The government clearly communicates that the

AgCoalition is an important mechanism in moving forward with the consultations. Consequently, they have indicated that there may be an opportunity for us to add feedback regarding our participation, before the process is announced.

The government remains respectful of the busy spring seeding/calving season for the agriculture industry and has delayed the consultation sessions.

New AgCoalition Website Launch

The AgCoalition is excited to launch its new website at www.agcoalition.ca. We encourage you to visit and promote the site.

Antibiotic Testing Update

Source: Kelly Mauthe, Member Services Specialist

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has approved a new antibiotic test called the Charm TRIO, effective June 1, 2016. The Charm TRIO is unique in that it tests for three antibiotic families at the same time: beta-lactams (*penicillin family*), sulfas and tetracycline.

This new 3-minute quick test will primarily be used by processors to screen loads at plants. This will save those processors who tested for all three antibiotic families individually some time, as they now only need to conduct one test. Now some Alberta processors, who previously only tested for one antibiotic family, will now adopt the test to be able to screen for the three different families of drugs. The Central Milk Testing (CMT) lab now has the new test in place in order to confirm a processing plant's initial screening in the event of a positive load. The CMT staff have also been trained by a Charm TRIO representative.

If you have any questions about the test, please feel free to contact Kelly Mauthe at 780-577-3314.



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Open Farm Event by Country Roads Holstein Club Successfully Engages Barrhead Area Community

*Source: Erin Jordan, Corporate Communications
Coordinator*

On June 11, Country Roads Holstein Club is hosting its fourth annual open farm event, in conjunction with the Barrhead Street Festival. Conveniently, if visitors go to the local post office on main street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a bus will be waiting to drive people to Slomp Dairy, the hosting farm owned by Jan Gerrit and Wilma Slomp, and Rick and Ellie Holierhoek. Once there, visitors will get to participate in a farm tour, get an explanation of feed mix, speak with an onsite veterinarian, and drink a refreshing chocolate milk. Best of all, the Race the Farmer cow model will be there for visitors to practice their milking skills!

The open farm event has attracted up to 275 people in the past and successfully engages visitors in dairy farm life.

Have questions about this event? Contact Arjan Otten at 780-674-7828 or Annemiek Elzinga at 780-674-7647.



Race the Farmer activity is an interactive way to engage farm tour visitors

Signed, Sealed, Delivered-Standing Committee Letters and Witnessing Consultations

*Source: Erin Jordan, Corporate Communications
Coordinator*

As part of the public consultations on the TPP, Dairy Farmers of Canada have crafted a letter to go to the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade. The letter is for you, as producers, to optionally sign and send to the following email address: ciit-tpp-ptp@parl.gc.ca. The deadline is June 30, 2016. You can find the letter on the members only site.

Please note that the date and signature spots are highlighted in the letter – these should be filled in appropriately by each individual sending the letter.

Additionally, there is also the opportunity to appear as a witness before the House of Commons Committee on International Trade as part of TPP consultations - in either local hearings or in Ottawa. DFC and some producers are taking the opportunity to meet with the Committee. Please let Erin Jordan know if you want any additional information: ejordan@albertamilk.com or by calling 1-877-361-1231 ext. 3305.

Smoothie Power

Source: Kristina Isaac, Registered Dietician

Winners have been chosen for the Smoothie Power contest, which is open to teachers using an Alberta Milk "Power" program (Power 2 Play, Power4Bones, Power 2B Me or Power Up). Smoothie Power is offered in partnership with Breakfast for Learning, Dietitians of Canada and Ever Active Schools. Winners received a smoothie kit to facilitate a food-based authentic learning activity in their classroom. Each kit includes one blender, one set of measuring cups and spoons, one set of smoothie recipe and activity booklets and one \$50 grocery store gift card.

Here are the stories of how the Smoothie Power contest positively impacted classrooms:

Ariana Montgomery - Pembina North Community School; Dapp

Yesterday was our last day of school before the Christmas break. Typically I usually show a movie in the afternoon, complete with popcorn or some kind of junk food. This year, because of my Smoothie Kit win and our emphasis on healthy eating, I was adamant about making this year different... and much improved! I started our smoothie-making fun by previously gift wrapping the blender and measuring cups, along with our smoothie ingredients, and placing them under our classroom Christmas tree. I had students gather around and we slowly opened one item at a time, generating curiosity and excitement. They were really excited!! I broke my class into two groups in order to allow them to assist in a hands-on

fashion with the smoothie creation, and to relate our activity back to Canada's Food Guide. There were a few students who had never had a smoothie before... and they were so impressed with how great all of these "healthy things" tasted in the end! All in all, we had a great time and the kids were so grateful.

Cindy Van Amerongen - Sir John Franklin School; Calgary

We were so fortunate to have been awarded the smoothie kit and got a lot of use out of the recipe booklets. The kids loved using the new recipes! We then took some time to really compare the health benefits of different types of smoothies and their ingredients. We used this as a jumping off point for the students to get together to create their own smoothie recipes. Thanks to Alberta Milk, we were able to purchase a bunch of fresh ingredients that the kids used during our mini competition to find "The World's Greatest Smoothie Recipe". The students loved having the freedom to choose from great ingredients and to invent their own new flavour combinations. This is such a great resource for any school foods program!



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CTV Two Interviews Chairman Albert Kamps on proAction®

Source: Erin Jordan, Corporate Communications Coordinator

On May 12, a segment aired on CTV Two's Alberta Primetime, featuring Albert Kamps speaking about proAction®. Did you get to see it? If not, visit the following link: <http://alberta.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=869498>



Alberta Primetime reporter Michael Higgins interviewing Albert Kamps

Speaking of proAction®...DFC Hosts Media Launch in Ottawa

Source: Chantal Marcotte, Dairy Farmers of Canada

On April 19, Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) hosted a media event to launch Canadian dairy farmers' long-standing commitment to sustainability through the farmer-led proAction® Initiative.

Held at Ottawa's Canadian Museum of Agriculture and Food, the gathering showcased the six proAction modules: Animal Care, Milk Quality, Food Safety, Traceability, Biosecurity and Environment. DFC President Wally Smith kicked off the press conference portion of the happening, and was joined by DFC Vice-Presidents Pierre Lampron and David Wiens, who also spoke and answered questions from the audience. Stakeholders and the media were also given the chance to talk to dairy farmers and experts as they toured various kiosks and

even met a milk truck driver who explained the meticulous data collection and quality testing all milk undergo during collection.

DFC took this opportunity to release its new proAction video, which demonstrates the organization's commitment to sustainability to the general public. The video was widely viewed on social media garnering about 4,000 views on Facebook alone, within the first 3 days! View the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70Q2-SN-t4U>

On the same day as the media event, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food Lawrence MacAulay congratulated DFC for its Canadian Quality Milk program, now known as proAction's Food Safety module, for successfully completing the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) Food Safety Recognition Program (FSRP). Qualification for the FSRP is accessed through an extremely thorough review process. The recognition signifies that DFC has a solid infrastructure in place to manage the information related to on-farm audits conducted by validators, that the program is in line with Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point principles and that we offer comprehensive training capacity for those performing the audits. DFC is the second organization, after Chicken Farmers of Canada, to achieve this recognition for its food safety program.



DFC staff member Avaleigh Schouten at the April media launch

A Friendly Reminder: Stay Informed with the Dairy Express

Source: Chantal Marcotte, DFC

Sign up now for the Dairy Express, the bi-monthly newsletter published by Dairy Farmers of Canada. To do so, simply send an email to chantal.marcotte@dfc-plc.ca who will happily add your name to the mailing list.

Another Friendly Reminder: Census of Agriculture, have you completed yours?

Source: Erin Jordan, Corporate Communications Coordinator

Information about the census would have been sent to your farm in early May. If you have not yet completed the census, please do so. The census of agriculture offers data that contributes to positive change and industry progress tracking.

Take a look at some of the 2011 data results:

- There were 1.4 million dairy cows and heifers on Canadian farms. Of the national total (521,400), 36.4 per cent were in Quebec. Ontario followed with 491,303 dairy cows and heifers.
- There were 12,207 farms specialized in dairy cattle and milk production (the majority of their farms receipts was received from milk and dairy cattle sales).



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Here are some facts about these dairy farms:

- o There was a total of 1.3 million dairy cows and heifers (90 per cent of the total number in Canada).
- o Among the specialized dairy farms, 43.4 per cent were owned by a family corporation, 30.9 per cent in partnerships and 22.5 per cent were in sole proprietorship.
- o The average herd size of a specialized farm was 106 cattle and calves.

Important changes made to the online questionnaire for 2016:

- Streamlined and easy to complete
- Shorter and 30 per cent faster to complete than in 2011
- Respondents are no longer required to provide detailed farm expenses
- Automatically adds totals and skips questions that don't apply to your operation.

Completing your questionnaire online is quick and easy:

- Go to Statistics Canada's website at www.statcan.gc.ca and select the online questionnaire
- Use the secure access code you would have received in the mail in May and conveniently complete your questionnaire.

As a farm operator, you are legally required to participate under the Statistics Act.

Open Farm Days registration has passed: Are you hosting?

Source: Erin Jordan, Corporate Communications Coordinator

If so, please let us know. Open Farm Days is organized by the Government of Alberta to engage citizens on farm life. The deadline was May 31 for registering your farm and by letting Alberta Milk know about your involvement in the event, we can provide you with security resources and milk for visitors.

Contact Erin Jordan at 780-577-3305 to inquire about Open Farm Days.



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The Winner of the 2016 Grate Canadian Cheese Cook-off

Source: Chantal Marcotte, DFC

In April, Toronto's Drake Hotel's Chef de Cuisine, Alexandra Feswick, emerged victorious in one of Canada's highest profile culinary comfort food battles, Dairy Farmers of Canada's (DFC) Grate Canadian Cheese Cook-Off. With Mac & Cheese once again as its theme, the biannual showdown took place at DFC's Canadian Cheese Counter at the Toronto Food & Drink Market.

Chef Feswick's truly unique Canadian macaroni & cheese experience starts with combining the distinctive nostalgia of home-styled comfort classics such as Cheddar, sage and mushrooms, and finishes by pairing them with the luxurious flavours of hazelnuts, Blue cheese and Jerusalem artichokes.

This year's three other fierce competitors included Andrew Farrell, Chef de Cuisine at 2 Doors Down Food + Wine in Halifax; Nicole Gomes, Executive Chef at Nicole Gourmet in Calgary; and Thompson Tran, Chef and Owner at The Wooden Boat, Port Moody. The esteemed judging panel consisted of Afrim Pristine, proprietor at The Cheese Boutique in Toronto; Vanessa Simmons, Cheese Sommelier at Savvy Company; Georgs Kolesnikovs of cheeselover.ca and the Great Canadian Cheese Festival; and Rita DeMontis, Sun Media food editor.

Cheese lovers across Canada can access these macaroni & cheese recipes and find tips for making the perfect dish by visiting allyouneedis cheese.ca/cookoff.

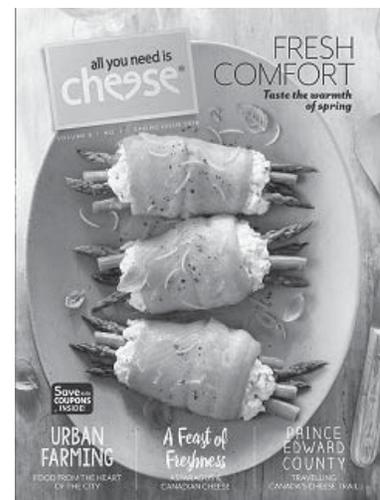


The chef competitors with their mac & cheese creations

All-New Magazine!

Source: Chantal Marcotte, Dairy Farmers of Canada

The spring issue of the all you need is cheese national magazine (with the exception of Quebec), which promotes Canadian cheeses made from 100% Canadian milk, reveals a completely revamped design and a whole new approach with regard to content. It is full of exciting new sections like Farm Wisdom, The Flavour of the Moment and The Canadian Cheese Trail. The latter section's content will also be promoted through a six-week web integration and Facebook ads. Despite the magazine's wonderful makeover, you may still count on finding a wide selection of delicious recipes and valuable coupons inside its pages. all you need is cheese was launched on April 4, with a total of 800,000 copies distributed throughout Western Canada, Ontario and the Atlantic provinces, including 100,000 to subscribers, 119,000 to industry members and 581,000 as newspaper inserts. Enjoy the read!



National Information Technology Aggregation (NITA) — Your Questions Answered

Source: Kelly Mauthe, Member Services Specialist

What is NITA and which provinces are involved?

NITA is a project to share resources to create a milk management system (MMS) and was brought about due to several needs from the involved provinces. Some provinces (including AB) were looking for options for a new database system that could replace aging, nearly out of date programs ending their useful lives. Other provinces were looking for a new system that could be cost-shared for a more efficient program. Since there are some common processes that all provinces have, savings were found with a group project as opposed to 8 individual projects. A project coordinator and a software company were hired to make the project happen.

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are involved with NITA.

How will this affect me?

The new milk management system will have some features and capabilities that our old program could not accomplish. Not only will staff have a brand new program to keep track of all the producer information regarding shipments, milk tests and quota information, there will be changes that will affect processors, hauling companies and all AB producers as well. These changes will help staff streamline how information is shared between producers, processors and haulers and Alberta Milk.

Producers will also be able to take advantage of enhancements to the producers only web page. These features will include:

- online quota exchange
- enhanced quota/credit holdings page
- online quota calculator
- better milk test results pages

- sub account management
- producer preferences for milk quality notifications and quota position notifications
- document management page

Other changes will include a revamped (harmonized) milk pay statement. Some current features stay the same, but will be located in a different place on our website. An example of this would be the credit bulletin board.

What can I do to prepare at this point?

Staff eagerly anticipate testing and adopting the new program in the coming months and will be providing producers information about the new features.

Look to MilkingTimes and the members only site to stay informed on the progress of NITA.



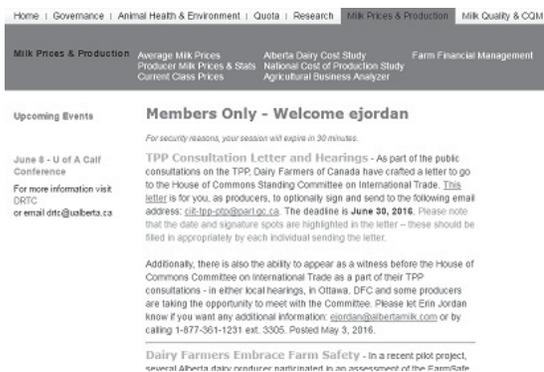
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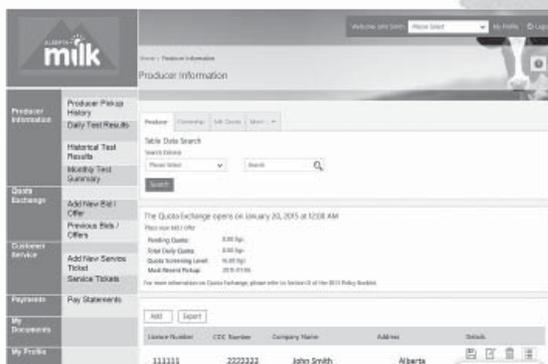
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The current members only site (shown above) will be replaced with a new producer only page (shown below), as a result of the NITA project.



Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions April 2016		
	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	4,710.00
Discarded	0.00	0.00
PLR	0.00	181,083.39
Interest	4,440.36	225.78
Metering	62,340.26	0.00
Organic	82,981.85	0.00
Trucking	0.00	4,745.00
Violations	35,202.82	0.00
Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids		(\$0.0007)

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

Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) June 2016			
Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	6.3236	4.9273	0.1426
Class 5b	6.3236	1.5750	1.5750
Class 5c	3.4189	1.3733	1.3733
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

Provincial Average Components April 2016	
Butterfat	4.0007 kg/hl
Protein	3.2957 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.7586 kg/hl

Average Milk Prices	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
Apr 2016	79.35
Mar	79.71
Feb	75.23
Jan	79.60
Dec	82.96
Nov	83.08
Oct	80.03
Sep	77.65
Aug	76.79
July	79.76
Jun	80.36
May	80.94

2015-16 Quota Exchange and Credit Deadlines		
Quota Transfer Deadline Date	Credit Transfer Deadline Date	Effective Date
June 16, 2016	June 23, 2016	July 1, 2016
July 18, 2016	July 25, 2016	Aug. 1, 2016
Aug. 17, 2016	Aug. 24, 2016	Sep. 1, 2016
Sep. 16, 2016	Sep. 23, 2016	Oct. 1, 2016
Oct. 17, 2016	Oct. 24, 2016	Nov. 1, 2016

Provincial Milk Quality Averages		
Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
April 2016	19,282	185,980

Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
June 2016	55.86	\$39,030
May	133.50	\$38,555
Apr	106.83	\$38,550
Mar	93.62	\$38,850
Feb	75.06	\$38,000
Jan	126.39	\$37,275
Dec	94.00	\$36,450
Nov	117.53	\$35,650
Oct	119.08	\$35,000
Sep	47.75	\$35,900
Aug	35.65	\$36,825
Jul	105.72	\$37,885
Jun	75.82	\$38,400

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
May 2016	77,106.50	\$9.49
Apr	70,836.79	\$9.22
Mar	91,601.49	\$10.43
Feb	90,317.99	\$9.62
Jan	97,910.00	\$9.18
Dec	84,868.62	\$8.22
Nov	76,687.50	\$7.64
Oct	102,022.00	\$6.65
Sep	80,458.70	\$6.78
Aug	61,309.40	\$7.66
Jul	69,526.20	\$8.45
Jun	70,222.29	\$8.87
May	74,301.01	\$9.06

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	March	April	May	June	July
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
Alberta					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	81,264	82,084	82,185	81,368	80,225
Producer Quota (kg/day)	78,080	81,227	81,550	81,772	81,812
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	78,861	79,779	78,535	78,363	77,136
Producer Position (Days)	-3.28	-1.94	-1.69	-1.85	-2.48
Provincial Position (Days)	-4.79	-3.87	-2.49	-1.34	-0.12
Cumulative Position (%)	-1.33%	-1.08%	-0.68%	-0.37%	-0.03%
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Western Milk Pool					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	228,448	227,619	225,658	223,006	218,762
Pool Quota (kg/day)	224,979	226,677	223,144	222,655	219,167
Cumulative Position (%)*	-1.24%	-1.20%	-1.10%	-1.08%	-1.10%
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.





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2016 New Entrant Assistance Program Update

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Alberta Milk received four applications for the New Entrant Assistance Program in 2016 and on May 2, 2016, the Selection Committee met and interviewed all four applicants.

After a thorough review of the applications and the in-person interviews, the Selection Committee unanimously decided to select two of the applicants as successful new entrants for this year's program. 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.

On that note, we are pleased to welcome two new entrants: David and Michelle Kwarkernaak of Innisfail and Lindsey Douglas of Delburne 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.

Production Update

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Production in Alberta and the WMP remains strong and daily production volumes are expected to peak in June. Average daily volumes rose by about 28 thousand litres in Alberta, strongly contrasting the 20 thousand litres per day dip seen in the west as a whole. Alberta's production is expected to increase further by about 23,000 litres per day in May to a peak of about 2.1 million litres per day in June. This increase in production being realized in Alberta is in no doubt a good response from our producers to the incentive days and positive quota adjustments issued by the Board of Directors in 2016, to help meet the ever-growing demand for butterfat.

At the provincial level, this boost in production is expected to put us above the +0.5 per cent upper CQP limit by August 2016. There is no cause for alarm though, since the WMP is expected to be well within its CQP limits until about March 2017 - provided the proposed decrease (from five per cent to three per cent) in the currently existing growth allowance is applied on August 1, 2016. Either way, the Board will have enough time to react after we know the CMSMC's decision.

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