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Chairman's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chairman

Are you covered for an unknown liability? A recent event related to a possible milk contamination situation in Alberta deserves the attention of all dairy producers. In this case, a single shipment of 2,363 L of raw milk resulted in approximately 400,000 litres of finished product and 50,000 litres of heavy cream having to be discarded with an unpaid tab of nearly \$800,000.

In this incidence, the possible contamination came through the feed; a dairy producer received the wrong feed. The feed they received had growth promotants that are not licensed for the use in lactating dairy cows and was meant to be delivered to a feedlot. When Alberta Milk first got notice of this event, there was an immediate suspension of milk pick-ups until we had assurances that there was no residue of these products in the milk. By the time we had confirmation from the CFIA that the milk contained no traces of the unlicensed products, the producer had already discarded 11,456 litres of milk which is the first and most immediate loss to the producer.

The bigger and more concerning issue is who is liable for the costs incurred by the processor? The costs related to the disposal of the 400,000 litres of milk and cream, processing costs and the cost to discard the finished products is estimated to be \$783,000. It could have been worse if the products in question had actually been distributed to retailers and sold to consumers resulting in a product recall.

This is not the first time such an event has happened. In previous cases in Alberta, the feed company from which the producer bought the feed assumed responsibility and worked directly with the insurance brokers and the processor to cover the processors costs. This current situation is magnifying because no one has accepted responsibility. The producer ordered and received feed, the processor is truly just the receiver of milk that was felt to be contaminated, and the feed company claims they have proof that the feed they made for this producer did not contain any additives. They feel that the feed hauler that was contracted to deliver the feed made the error of giving the wrong feed to the producer or that the product may be been introduced at the farm. As Alberta Milk does not have the authority to be a first receiver of milk – the organization does direct all milk but never has ownership of the milk – we cannot on behalf of the producer(s) make a claim for the damages. The bottom line is that it may very well be the producer that has to make the claim. It does not happen often but as you can see, the cost of such an event is large.

Are you covered in the event such a situation would happen to you? Have the \$800,000 conversation with your feed company about how they will ensure this doesn't happen to you.

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Board Report

Mike Southwood, General Manager

Highlights of the December 19, 2017 Board meeting.

Credit Transfers

The Board considered the resolution from the annual general meeting that the transfer of underproduction credits be permitted in the same month as the credit transfer deadline. It was felt that this would provide producers with a timelier quota management tool. Currently, underproduction credit transfers are effective on the first of the month following the credit transfer deadline date. The Board supported that this policy be changed with the implementation of the new milk management system - National IT Aggregation project later in 2018. As the program nears implementation, further information on the change will be provided to all producers.

New Entrants Assistance Program (NEAP)

Following a comprehensive review of the New Entrants Assistance Program that also included the discussion from the annual general meeting, comments made at the Fall Producer Meetings and based on input from the Region Committees, the Board approved the following changes to the NEAP:

- Increase the number of applicants accepted into the program from two to three per year
- Extend the claw back start period from end of year six to end of year 10 at 10% per year
- Increase the 70 kg limit to 100 kg

The new parameters are effective for the 2018 application period and will also apply to existing new entrants. Applications for 2018 are currently being accepted until March 31, 2018. For further details, please read page 6.

Tail Docking and Pain Mitigation

Processors have expressed concerns about Alberta Milk's proAction® compliance timelines for dealing with a producer who continues to dock tails or does not use pain mitigation. At the last Board meeting, the Animal Health and Environment Committee was directed to develop alternative approaches to our current proAction compliance timeline. The Board agreed that Alberta Milk could use the Dairy Animal Care Policy to immediately address producers who dock tails or do not use pain mitigation. The identification of a producer will be done through a proAction validation.

University of Calgary Endowment Program

Based on the contribution of funds from a dairy producer, the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) has established the Damkar Endowment Fund to specifically encourage its veterinary students towards dairy practice. The UCVM requested Alberta Milk contribute financial support to the fund in order to enhance the number of students they can help attract to the dairy industry. While Alberta Milk is not in a position to provide a large sum of money to the endowment fund, the Board did agree to an annual contribution of up to \$2,000 towards student participation in eligible fund activities as approved on an annual basis. If you attended the AGM, you were introduced to the UCVM program by Herman Barkema and made aware that any producer can also contribute to the endowment.

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Workshops – Developing the Replacement

Source: Jodi Flaig, Alberta Milk

SAVE THE DATE - You are Invited!

On behalf of the organizing team of the Dairy Research and Extension Consortium of Alberta (DRECA), I am pleased to invite you to attend the upcoming 2018 series of annual workshops. The focus of the 2018 workshops will be: Developing the Replacement. The workshops will be held the week of February 13th in four locations across Alberta.

Dates & Locations:

- February 13 – Leduc, Executive Royal Inn
- February 14 – Barrhead, Barrhead Neighbourhood Inn
- February 15 – Lacombe, Lacombe Memorial Centre
- February 16 – Lethbridge, Coast Lethbridge Hotel

The team of presenters is looking forward to sharing their practical perspectives and tried, tested and true suggestions for building healthier, more productive cows and herds through management and selection.

The topics of focus will be:

- Feeding Calves & Youngstock – A Research Perspective
- Health Monitoring – A Veterinary Perspective
- Heat Detection – A Research Perspective
- Heifer Evaluation – A Producer Perspective

Each speaker will be given one hour, including questions, for their presentation.

Your 2018 speakers are:

- Dr. Michael Steele, University of Alberta
- Dr. Graeme Boender, Farm Animal Hospital
- Dr. Clover Bench, University of Alberta
- Mike Vanden Dool, Vanden Dool Farms

Come join fellow industry members to learn about achieving your goals by building and managing a productive herd. Registration and coffee at 9:30 am. The workshops start at 10:00 am sharp and end by 3:00 pm.

To Register:

Visit the Alberta Milk website at albertamilk.com call Kim Skolarchuk at 780-577-3325. Registration after January 26th will be available and at the door for \$75.

Each workshop attendee will receive a booklet of information to use as reference material as well as lunch and refreshments. Please encourage your neighbours, veterinarians, farm employees, feed reps and anyone else to attend a workshop and join dairy experts for support in meeting your farm production and performance goals by engaging the people working on or with your farm.



deadlines

quota transfers

Feb. 14, at 4:30 p.m.

credit transfers

Feb. 28, at 4:30 p.m.

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2018 AFAC Awards of Distinction

Source: Alberta Farm Animal Care

The Alberta Farm Animal Care Awards of Distinction were initiated in 2001 to recognize individuals or groups who have made exceptional contributions in the field of livestock welfare. They apply new, innovative ideas and management practices to improve and ensure high standards of animal wellbeing. They understand the public's need for assurance that farm animals are raised humanely. They can be held up as examples of those who are making a difference.

Award Categories

The Award of Distinction for Communication

This award honours those that take an active role in effectively telling the story about livestock issues, and informing the public and agri-food industry about farm animal care in a factual and honest way that is credible and builds trust.

The Award of Distinction for Industry Leadership

This award honours those who integrate animal welfare into their core business strategy, striving to achieve more than expected regarding animal welfare and setting a higher standard.

The Award of Distinction for Innovation

This award honours those who have developed a new process, product, or source of knowledge that has made a significant impact on improving the welfare of livestock and the industry.

Nomination

If you know an individual or organization whose contributions to animal care enhance their community and inspire others, please take a few minutes to summarize (in letter format) why you believe they deserve the award and email the information to the AFAC.

Nomination deadline is February 15, 2018

Please submit nominations via afac.ab.ca and/or email Kristen Hall at kristen@afac.ab.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Livestock Conference

Source: Alberta Farm Animal Care

In 2018, Alberta Farm Animal Care is celebrating its 25th year as the collective voice of the livestock industry and we would like to invite you to come and celebrate with us at our annual Livestock Care Conference!

We will be hosting a Humane Euthanasia workshop on March 14th before the conference in conjunction with Olds College. This is a fantastic hands-on opportunity with limited space. So get your tickets early!

On the night of the 14th, there will be a reception and dinner so get ready for a night of reflection and entertainment.

The conference on March 15th will be opened with remarks from the founding Executive Director of AFAC, Susan Church, and then kicked off with world-renowned animal welfare advocate Temple Grandin.

There is a thoughtful, inspiring day of speakers from all over Canada planned on the 15th and we hope to see you there!

For more information and to register, please go to afac.ab.ca.



CPTPP Dairy Access

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

On January 4, Chairman Tom Kootstra and Vice Chairman Albert Kamps met with Ag Minister Oneil Carlier.

Our concern was with the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP or also known as the TPP-11). As you will remember, one of President Trump's first actions when he came into office was to step out of the TPP. With the USA no longer a part of the TPP, it was renamed (CPTPP). However, in the original agreement, there was 3.25% given of dairy access. This access was originally granted for the USA. We are asking that the government remove this access from the core agreement because the USA, whom wanted the access, it no longer in the agreement.



Carlier was well informed and motivated to learn our perspective and raise the profile of this issue. Thank you to the Minister for acting swiftly on behalf of dairy farmers on this issue.

Dairy Farmers of Canada is also working with the federal government to move this subject forward.

Western Canadian Dairy Seminar



2018 – Registration is OPEN

The Western Canadian Dairy Seminar (WCDS) is being hosted at the Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer, Alberta from March 6 – 9, 2018. Our theme this year is “Achieving Dairy Excellence”.

The program kicks off on Tuesday, March 6 with your choice of either a tour of three local progressive and innovative dairy farms or a workshop on “Milk Quality – The drive for consistent delivery of top quality milk”. A wide range of topics will be covered during the main sessions including farm management, nutrition, replacements, advances in genetics and reproduction, cow health as well as broad issues facing today's industry.

Your 2018 Speakers include:

- **Harvey Anderson** (University of Toronto) will be discussing what the re-vamp of the Canadian Food Guide means for dairy.
- **Tine van Werven** (Utrecht University) will be exploring how to manage cows with less antibiotics and sharing new developments in mastitis research.
- **Brian Van Doormaal** (Canadian Dairy Network) will be discussing farm management decisions in the era of genomics.
- **Bob Milligan** (Dairy Strategies LLC) will be sharing his knowledge of hiring and retaining an excellent workforce.

The 2018 program and the event itself have something for everyone. Whether you are a producer, nutritionist, veterinarian or services provider you will find topics of interest at the 2018 WCDS. **Register today!** We look forward to seeing you in Red Deer for new ideas, knowledge and networking.





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UCVM Lameness Study Requesting Participants

Source: Michelle van Huyssteen, UCVM

The University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) is pleased to inform you about an opportunity to participate in our latest research to reduce lameness in Alberta dairy herds. This study will determine the value of the housing and management risk assessment questionnaire being used in Alberta Milk's Lameness Reduction Initiative. We would also like to hear about the challenges you are having controlling lameness in your herd.

We are looking for producers that have:

- A milking herd of at least 40 lactating Holstein-Friesian cows;
- A hoof trimmer that uses Hoof Supervisor®;
- A herd enrolled on CanWest DHI;
- Free stall housing.

This new project will be conducted by Michelle van Huyssteen, a graduate student at UCVM supervised by Dr. Karin Orsel. Michelle, along with some technicians and students, will visit your farm only once, for about 3 hours. During this visit, a risk assessment and producer questionnaire will be completed and a video recording will be made of your cows as they exit the milking parlour. This recording will be used to assess lameness. We will also ask permission for us to get your hoof trimming records (on Hoof Supervisor®) from your hoof trimmer.

If you would like more information about this study, please contact Michelle van Huyssteen at 403-629-0394 or by email at msvanhuy@ucalgary.ca. You can also speak in person to Michelle or to Karin Orsel at the UCVM booth during the WCDS in Red Deer in March.

Alberta Milk Strengthens Program for New Dairy Farmers

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Alberta Milk's New Entrant Assistant Program (NEAP) will be accepting applications starting January 1, 2018. The program's goal is to help alleviate the costs associated with starting a dairy farm in Alberta. It works by offering a quota loan at no cost to the successful applicants. The 2018 program has been improved to make it more sustainable for current and future participants. Alberta Milk will be accepting applications until March 31, 2018.

About the Program

- The program works by providing 2kg of loaned quota at no cost for every 1kg bought (previously 1:1), up to a maximum of 25 kg/day. The 25kg loan translates to enough quota to milk about 18-25 additional cows.
- The quota loan gradually expires beginning in the 11th year (previously seven years) at a rate of 10 per cent per year and is reduced to zero at the end of year 19.
- While using the program, new entrants can expand up to 100 kg/day of total quota holdings, or about 71-100 cows (previously maximum 70 kg/day).
- The process to qualify for the program consists of submitting a two-year financial business plan, a 10-year implementation plan, a risk mitigation plan, and a signed conditional approval letter from the applicant's financial institution agreeing to finance their operation.
- The program started in 2011 and has welcomed 17 new dairy farms into the province and is reviewed annually.
- Up to three qualified applications will be accepted in 2018.
- You do not need to join this program to become a dairy farmer in Alberta.

Further details about the program can be found at albertamilk.com or call Jonathan at 1-877-361-1231.

AgCoalition Update

Source: Mike Slomp, Producer Services Manager

The AgCoalition continued its work on behalf of the agriculture community offering grassroots feedback on government proposals.

1. This first task was to provide feedback on documents compiled from Alberta Labour's Youth Employment Consultation Sessions. In October 2017, Alberta Labour sponsored a number of consultation workshops which produced summaries that define:

- Hazardous work and associated permitting requirements for 16 to 17-year-olds to perform this work.
- A list of allowable work activities for 13 to 15-year-olds working on farms and ranches, where activities not included in the list will require a permit.

To summarize, the agricultural community is not in support of any changes to the labour standards regarding youth in our province. If you would like a copy of the AgCoalition's response to the provincial government's consultation, please contact Mike Slomp at the Alberta Milk office.

2. Alberta Labour released the 144 recommendations generated from the government's Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Technical Working Groups (TWG) on OHS last winter and opened a consultation process. While the public deadline for this consultation process has been extended to February 26 the AgCoalition believes it has the opportunity to provide feedback until March 30.

- A sub-committee of the AgCoalition will spearhead a detailed review of the OHS recommendations.
- The key messages will be shared with the AgCoalition's commodity group members for their individual action.
- The AgCoalition will submit its consolidated response on the OHS recommendations to Alberta Labour by March 30.

The Alberta Milk producer representative to the AgCoalition is Martin Van Diemen. Albert Kamps is serving as the AgCoalition chair.

Formalization of AgSafe Alberta Society (ASAS)

Source: Mike Slomp, Producer Services Manager

The first meeting of the AgSafe Alberta Society occurred in early November, 2017 with a 10-member board of directors comprised solely of producers from various crop and livestock commodity groups. Alberta Milk is a founding member and our representative to the ASAS board is Martin Van Diemen.

ASAS will soon be approving a new set of bylaws, a business plan and a budget, including a commitment from the commodity group members to financially support ASAS as required.

This new producer society will pick up and carry on all of the recent work of Donna Trottier and her AgSafe colleagues who have been developing farm safety resources such as:

1. Quick Start Guides that will help you, your farm family and employees with:

- Hazard management
- Fatigue management
- Incident management
- Confined space on the farm
- Work at heights on the farm
- Emergency response
- Contractor management
- Livestock handling

2. Farm safety videos and courses

3. Forms and Templates

4. Set up a farm safety visit

To contact Donna and the advisors or to check out the farm safety resources, please visit www.agsafeab.ca or call Donna directly at 403 348 9321.

To date, all of this timely, practical farm safety work has been funded courtesy of a GF2 grant which expires at the end of February, 2018. The new ASAS will carry on the great work, resources and activities of Donna and her AgSafe team to ensure there is continuity in delivering farm safety services to farmers and ranchers across the province.

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Jacques Lefebvre joins Dairy Farmers of Canada as Chief Executive Officer

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

On January 8, Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) announced the appointment of Mr. Jacques Lefebvre as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). With over 25 years of experience across multiple sectors, Mr. Lefebvre is a strong leader that brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to DFC. Additionally, in his former role at the Dairy Processors Association of Canada (DPAC) as President and Chief Executive Officer, he has an in-depth understanding of Canada's dairy sector, and the importance of Canadian dairy farmers to our economy, as well as to the health and well-being of Canadians.

"It is my great pleasure to announce that Jacques Lefebvre will be joining DFC as our new CEO. He is a proven leader and is deeply committed to our dairy sector," said Pierre Lampron, President of DFC. "Jacques understand all of the challenges that we are facing, and will be a champion for us. I look forward to working closely with him." Mr. Lefebvre has held senior executive positions with national member organizations, both in the business and not-for-profit sectors.

"I am very excited to be joining DFC and for the opportunity to work closely with our Board of Directors, members, staff, and stakeholders, on behalf of Canadian dairy farmers," said Jacques Lefebvre, DFC's CEO. "I welcome the opportunity to use my past experience, inside and outside of the dairy sector, to bring our industry together as we face tremendous pressure on trade and government relations issues. It is more important than ever that we work collectively to defend and promote the industry."



About Jacques Lefebvre

Before joining DFC as Chief Executive Officer, Jacques led the Dairy Processors Association of Canada as President and Chief Executive Officer for two years. Over the last 25 years, Jacques acquired experience in senior management, government relations, strategic affairs, stakeholder relations, communications, change management and journalism.

He began his career as a journalist as a national affairs reporter and was elected President of the Parliamentary Press Gallery in 1996. He later transitioned into the federal government and held senior positions with Cabinet Ministers, before pursuing senior executive opportunities with Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceuticals (Rx&D) and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA).

Jacques Lefebvre has a Bachelor's degree in Social Communications from the University of Ottawa / Saint Paul University and he has a Masters degree in Public Ethics from Saint Paul University. His executive development includes strategic planning, marketing, and a certification from the Reputation Institute.

proAction® Animal Care Assessments and the Lameness Reduction Initiative

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction® Coordinator

One of the requirements of the proAction® Animal Care module is an “animal assessment” on a sample number of the cows in the herd. These animal assessments have been conducted in Alberta since November 2016 by Holstein Canada staff, under contract to Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC).

To date, there have been 234 herd animal assessments completed covering Body Condition Score (BCS); hock, knee and neck injuries; and lameness. Preliminary data from the DFC peer reports indicates that Alberta herds scored better than the national average for all measures. However, there is an opportunity to improve hock scores. The data looks positive, but should be interpreted with care.

One of the added values of the gait scoring portion of the animal assessment is that the assessors can identify cows in your herd that are not deemed to be classically lame but nevertheless do not track correctly when walking. Therefore, they are a group of cows to “monitor” because they could have some underlying herd lameness issues and possibly be on the threshold of being considered lame. Of the 7,029 cows assessed, 1,638 (23.3%) were scored in the “monitor” category. Severe hock injuries and lesions have been linked to an increased likelihood of cows becoming lame.

The DFC peer report following the herd’s animal assessment is one of the required documents that a producer must provide during the proAction validation. If a herd peer report indicates that an animal measure category falls in the “red” zone, the producer must complete a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). This CAP needs to identify the management practices that you will implement to address and improve the specific issue. These management practices could include:

- changing mattress types;
- increasing the volume and frequency of bedding;
- altering the hoof trimming schedule;
- infrastructure renovations.

Your action plan must also include specific timelines for completion. Your CAP needs to be submitted to Alberta Milk’s proAction Coordinator for final approval and future follow-up.

Producers wishing to address lameness in their herd may be interested in the Lameness Reduction Initiative (LRI). The LRI offers a Lameness Risk Assessment as a tool to identify areas on the farm that could be contributing to existing or potential lameness on an individual dairy. To date, more than 100 herds in Alberta have conducted one of these lameness risk assessments with a veterinarian and many producers have completed a lameness risk assessment as one of the action steps in their herd’s Corrective Action Plan.

Producers that wish to participate in the Lameness Reduction Initiative can complete a lameness risk assessment with the veterinarian of their choice. Until August 31, 2018 this lameness risk assessment is available to all Alberta dairy producers at no charge (this is a \$300 value). The risk assessment tool will continue to be available following August 31, however the producer will be then responsible for the cost.

For more information regarding the Lameness Reduction Initiative, please contact Morgan at 780 577-3318.

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What to hear information first? Sign up for email updates from Alberta Milk. You can sign up at albertamilk.com or on the Member’s only page. Updates range from quota information to current issues and events that affect you. You can also email Karlee at kconway@albertamilk.com to sign up.



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Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions December 2017		
	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Calibration	0.00	320.00
Discarded	0.00	42,917.32
PLR	832.17	160,991.07
Interest	10,203.22	341.24
Metering	63,362.10	0.00
Organic	26,651.90	0.00
Trucking	0.00	975.00
Violations	59,528.72	0.00
Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids		(\$0.0050)

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

Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) February 2018			
Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	7.0249	5.4218	0.3109
Class 5b	7.0249	1.5494	1.5494
Class 5c	6.6346	1.1586	1.1586
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

Provincial Average Components December 2017	
Butterfat	4.1706 kg/hl
Protein	3.3678 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.7314 kg/hl

Average Milk Prices	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
Dec 2017	77.08
Nov	79.91
Oct	79.26
Sep	77.11
Aug	75.05
July	76.36
June	78.49
May	79.94
Apr	81.02
Mar	81.38
Feb	81.28
Jan	80.31

2017-18 Quota Exchange and Credit Deadlines		
Quota Transfer Deadline Date	Credit Transfer Deadline Date	Effective Date
Feb. 14, 2018	Feb. 21, 2018	Mar. 1, 2018
Mar. 16, 2018	Mar. 23, 2018	Apr. 1, 2018
Apr. 16, 2018	Apr. 23, 2018	May 1, 2018
May 17, 2018	May 24, 2018	June 1, 2018
June 15, 2018	June 22, 2018	July 1, 2018
July 17, 2018	July 24, 2018	Aug. 1, 2018
Aug. 17, 2018	Aug. 24, 2018	Sep. 1, 2018
Sep. 17, 2018	Sep. 24, 2018	Oct. 1, 2018
Oct. 17, 2018	Oct. 24, 2018	Nov. 1, 2018
Nov. 16, 2018	Nov. 23, 2018	Dec. 1, 2018

Provincial Milk Quality Averages		
Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
Dec 2017	21,231	188,611



Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
Feb 2018	119.02	\$36,500
Jan	127.80	\$35,900
Dec	132.20	\$35,925
Nov	104.50	\$36,990
Oct	105.91	\$38,000
Sep	166.98	\$38,625
Aug	103.67	\$38,005
July	44.80	\$37,505
June	105.90	\$37,500
May	30.50	\$39,075
Apr	71.00	\$39,750
Mar	77.30	\$40,000

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
Jan 2018	106,192.39	\$3.96
Dec	115,276.91	\$2.36
Nov	92,875.08	\$2.14
Oct	83,041.16	\$2.91
Sep	97,060.07	\$5.05
Aug	77,280.96	\$5.12
July	83,903.70	\$5.17
June	74,342.45	\$5.22
May	39,075.00	\$5.21
April	71,067.33	\$6.69
Mar	54,202.40	\$7.13
Feb	85,534.99	\$7.93

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	November	December	January	February	March
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
Alberta					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	89,458	91,434	93,085	93,782	94,679
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	91,173	94,090	89,930	90,696	90,142
Producer Quota (kg/day)	88,336	88,361	88,361	90,128	91,930
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	94,225	91,211	91,211	90,128	91,930
Cumulative Position (%)	-5.67%	-5.90%	-5.55%	-5.25%	-4.80%
Producer Position (Days)	-10.24	-9.55	-8.52	-7.24	-6.20
Provincial Position (Days)	-19.85	-20.11	-19.95	-18.83	-17.38
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Western Milk Pool					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	257,107	262,121	265,256	266,776	268,336
Pool Quota (kg/day)	259,052	267,341	255,521	257,698	256,124
Cumulative Position (%)*	-5.67%	-5.81%	-5.44%	-5.13%	-4.70%
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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Alberta Production and Quota Update

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Production

Alberta's daily average production rose from 2.13 million litres in November to 2.19 million litres in December, representing an increase of 3.14% or 66,805 litres per day. This increase is mostly due to increased off-farm production and seasonality. Daily average production is expected to keep rising steadily going forward until it reaches a peak of about 2.4 million litres per day in June 2018. Alberta's provincial average butterfat density peaked in November at 4.2087 kg/hl, and December recorded an average butterfat density of 4.1706 kg/hl. Contrary to daily average volumes, average butterfat density is expected to start on a steady seasonal decline to a minimum of about 3.97 kg/hl in July 2018.

Daily Total Production Quota

Daily Total Production Quota (DTPQ) in the Western Milk Pool (WMP) increased by +0.19% using data based on the 12-months period ending November 1, 2017. Daily quota issuance at the producer level increased to 99.05% in November 2017, relative to 97.56% in October 2017. There is one incentive-day in place for January 2018. Production on the two incentive days in November was 72,650.07 kg (41.59% fill-rate), and on the one incentive-day in December was 48,643.44 kg (55.74% fill-rate).

Provincial Quota Utilization

At the end of November 2017, Alberta's cumulative quota position (CQP) was at -5.67%, which is the second highest of all the Western Milk Pool (WMP) provinces. British Columbia (BC) had the highest CQP of -1.33%. Only BC filled their monthly quota allotment for November in the WMP.

Western Milk Pool & P5 Pool

At the end of November 2017, the WMP was in a cumulative quota position of -5.66% compared to +3.27% in the P5.

Spring Producer Meetings

Mark your calendars! Spring Producer Meetings will be taking place this April across Alberta. Watch for more detailed information in the coming months.

April 5: Coast Hotel – Lethbridge
April 6: Black Knight Inn – Red Deer
April 10: Barrhead Neighbourhood Inn – Barrhead
April 11: Executive Royal Inn - Leduc

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