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## Chairman's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chairman

One of the mandatory and essential activities of Alberta Milk this year is to complete the review of all our regulations and directives and policies. As I highlighted during the Spring Producer Meetings, this review is based on a Government of Alberta policy that stipulates that all regulations must be reviewed every five years to ensure that they are relevant and needed.

Based on the feedback received at the spring meetings, we will proceed with changes to the date of when nominations are received for the fall delegate elections. Previously, nominations had to be received 45 days prior to the first meeting. This will be reduced to 21 days, giving all producers that want to either run as a delegate or nominate someone else additional time in the fall. It is hoped that the having a nomination deadline closer to the time of the meetings will be more in line with when producers are thinking about the fall meetings and less busy with fall work. We will also tighten up the time when the voter list is produced. Not that many farms have lost the opportunity to vote but by having the list prepared on the first day of the month of when the producer meetings take place will ensure all farms are able to vote.

As suggested at one of the meetings, the delegate representation will also be rebalanced to having 10 delegates per region. We will work to develop transition provisions for this change as was done when the change was made to move from four to three regions.

A major change that the Board approved was to extend the current policy limiting the involvement of any Alberta Milk director to also include Alberta Milk delegates that are an owner or employee of a processing company or cooperative, effective November 2018. The ownership measurement is five per cent or more of the voting shares of a licensed processor. Partnerships and immediate family members who are actively involved in the registered producers' operation are also ineligible to hold office as a delegate or director of Alberta Milk. Other provinces have the same or similar policies in place.

The principle reason for this change is to ensure there are no possible conflicts of interest between the work of Alberta Milk and the interests of a processor. As regulatory body under the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, it is essential that we eliminate any perceived conflicts of interest. We also want to ensure that the directors and delegates of Alberta Milk are dedicated and focused on the activities of our organization.

Staff will assess the amendments required to our plan regulation in consultation with our legal counsel and Agricultural Products Marketing Council.

## 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

Highlights of both the March 21 and 22 and the April 24-25, 2018 Board meetings.

### Mid-year Review

As part of the March Board meeting, the mid-year summary of operations and the second quarter financial statements were reviewed. The mid-year review reports on the achievements to-date in meeting the objectives as defined in the business plan as well as an update on the actions taken in addressing the strategic priorities and risk registry. Overall, the Board acknowledged that we are on track with the delivery of the business plan and the strategic priorities. Three areas that have resulted in a change in activity are related to an increase in demand for communications, media and government relations as a result of the NAFTA renegotiations and the approval of the CPTPP, further delays and changes in the new Milk Management System and changes in marketing and nutrition education as a result of the decisions made by DFO in their funding of DFC.

The Board reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenses ending January 31, 2018 and the Schedule of Forecasted Revenue and Expenses ending July 31, 2018. Generally, assessment revenue is higher than budgeted due to increased milk volumes and some adjustments were noted. This will reduce the deficit that was planned in anticipation of the increase in milk production.

The Board also started the planning process for 2018-19 and were pleased that Jacques Lefebvre, CEO, DFC; Henry Holtmann, Chair of the WMP Members Committee and Dan Wong, ED of the Western Dairy Council attended the meeting to participate in the strategic planning discussion. All three were invited to share some priorities and goals from their perspective.

### Inhibitor Testing

Recently producers have inquired about testing their milk for pirlimycin, a drug that is normally used to treat Staphylococcus and Streptococcus udder infections. Currently in Alberta there is no test being used to detect this family of drugs in raw milk but Charm Sciences has a quick test for pirlimycin that uses the same reader as the Charm Trio. The Board discussed the merits of including this drug in the testing protocols currently in place and supported testing for pirlimycin drug as part of the random sample testing procedure effective August 1, 2018. Alberta Milk will work with Central Milk Testing Lab to administer it.

### Proposed Milk Grade and Price Program (MGPP) Changes

The Board reviewed and approved changes to the MGPP to tighten up the rules to make it more difficult for a producer to have poor quality milk for long periods of time. The change for IBC and SCC is from eight months to six months for a license cancellation; for freezing point the time to cancellation is from seven months to five months and for inhibitor infractions it is from six months to five months to cancellation. The change to the MGPP will be effective August 1, 2019. This change affects very few producers. In 2016-17 there were 224 infractions, 134 (60 per cent) were either warnings or two per cent deductions for SCC/IBC/FP. Only six producers were responsible for the 11 infractions for Grade 5 and 6.

## Moo-ving on and Moo-ving up!

Source: Daria Taylor, Corporate Operations Manager

One of my favourite quotes is “Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights” — Pauline R. Kezer. This quote reflects Alberta Milk staff perfectly: we have great roots and we are adding a few new branches!

Two long-term staff members, Darlene Crenshaw and Kathy Seale retired at the end of May.

Darlene has been working in the dairy industry since 1974, the last 16 with Alberta Milk as our pooling coordinator. Darlene and her husband Andy are excited to begin their retirement together, spending time with family and travelling.



Kathy has been an administrative assistant with Alberta Milk for almost 10 years working with the school milk program, merchandise, nutrition educators, and controlling the ins and outs of the warehouse. Kathy and her husband John are planning on spending more time in Nova Scotia where Kathy is from originally.



### deadlines

**quota transfers**  
June 15, at 4:30 p.m.

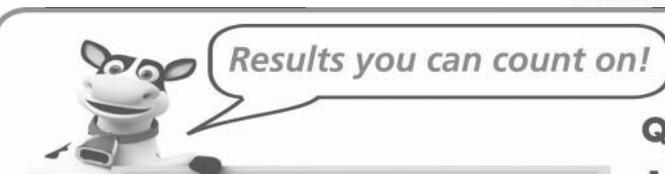
**credit transfers**  
June 22, at 4:30 p.m.

When a staff member leaves we re-evaluate the position to see if any adjustments can be made to make it more effective and efficient, so a few positive changes have been made.

A little shifting around the finance department has Kathleen Heath moving into the pooling coordinator and Paul Gotaas will be joining us as a senior accountant. Paul is a recent CPA grad and has been working for MNP since 2015. He will be taking the lead role in financial reporting and budgeting allowing Denise Brattinga more time to work on national policies.

Jaime Elias has joined Alberta Milk to take on Kathy's old position as well as assisting with agriculture events like the Calgary Stampede, Aggie Days, and Breakfast on the Dairy Farm. Be sure to look for her this summer and introduce yourself!

We'd like to thank Darlene and Kathy for their long-term dedication to the dairy industry and all of their hard work and welcome Paul and Jamie to the Alberta Milk family!



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## New Entrant Assistance Program Update

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Alberta Milk received six applications for the New Entrant Assistance Program (NEAP) in 2018 and on May 2, 2018, the Selection Committee met and interviewed all six applicants.

The five-member Selection Committee was made up of Marcel Lemire of Farm Credit Canada; Jolene Bolding of TD Bank; Lenard Crozier of Cheslen Dairies Ltd.; Bill Feenstra formerly of South Glen Farms Ltd and Dr. Gordon Atkins, University of Calgary. All the members of the committee were returning members and Jonathan Ntoni chaired and acted as a facilitator for the discussions. It is a great benefit to have consistency in the selection process from year to year.

After a thorough review of the applications and the in-person interviews, the Selection Committee unanimously decided to select three 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.

We are pleased to welcome the following three new entrants in 2018 to the Alberta dairy farming community:

- James and Deanna Brilman of County of Lethbridge;
- Jonny and Jeremy Webb of Foothills No. 31 Municipality and
- Dale and Karen Hofstra of Millet Municipality.

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. We would also like to thank the Committee members for their work in reviewing the applications.

## Farmer Tim's Social Media Tips

Source: Helen Lammers-Helps, Country Guide Magazine

*Note: this article has been cut in length from the original. Please visit Country Guide for the full length version.*

June is Dairy Month! Maybe this month is the time to start your own farm's Facebook page to talk about what you do.

Tim May is a fourth-generation dairy farmer near Guelph, Ont., with 27,000 followers on Facebook. That's right — 27,000. May started his Farmer Tim Facebook page a little over three years ago when he decided it was time for average farmers to battle the misinformation about dairy farming and agriculture that he saw being shared on social media. And if you're wondering — no, he doesn't receive any payment for the hours he puts in.

**Q: What is your basic approach to posting on Facebook?**

**Farmer Tim:** My target audience is non-farmers although there are quite a few farmers and retired farmers following me as well. I try to keep it simple and use words that non-farmers will understand. If I'm posting a picture of a cow calving, I try to think about how someone who isn't a farmer would perceive this. I don't talk down to them or call them "citiots." It's not people's fault they didn't grow up on a farm. I like to use humour... people don't like it when you get preachy.

I try to politely say this is what happens. I don't mind if activists have questions or disagree with me politely. And not every vegan is an animal activist. I have friends who are vegan. It's a personal choice. I don't tell people to drink milk; food choices are your own. My focus is on battling misinformation.

I'm the "nerd with a herd." I like to educate people. I show them the struggles of being a farmer and how hard it is for me to take holidays. I explain that farmers are consumers too. I show my personal side as well. I show

them my hobbies. I like to collect antiques and I'm interested in astronomy. I have an observatory here at the farm. And I try to be empathetic and compassionate. That goes a long way.

**Q. What are your followers most concerned about?**

**Farmer Tim:** GMOs, antibiotics and animal welfare. I handle this by posting factual peer-reviewed information, not by Monsanto. Or I share links to the Ontario agriculture ministry or Farm & Food Care websites. I have a science background (BSc in animal science) and my wife is a veterinarian so that helps. On a rare occasion I've had to ban someone from my page who was obviously not there for the conversation or who was threatening to me or one of my followers, but most of the time the conversation is great.

When it comes to complaints about farmers who have abused their animals I explain that that doesn't mean all farmers abuse their animals, just like if one pet owner abuses their pets that doesn't mean they all do.

**Q. This is quite a bit of work. What do you like best about it?**

**Farmer Tim:** For years I have had school tours come to the farm. That's how I got called Farmer Tim. The teacher would say, this is Farmer Tim. I always enjoyed it. I think if I didn't become a farmer I would have liked to be a teacher. I now have the best of both worlds, farming, and teaching via social media. I want to do my part to speak up for agriculture.

I'm by myself all day so it's a creative outlet for me. And the positive private messages keep you going. I've learned a lot. Social media works both ways. It helps me to better understand where people are coming from.

**Tim's Tips**

- Don't talk down. Not everyone has had the luxury of growing up on a farm.
- Be empathetic and compassionate. This will go a long way.
- If you don't know, don't make it up.
- Be positive and polite. You are

representing your fellow farmer.

- I am sharing my perspective, what happens on my farm only. It may not represent all dairy farms.
- When debunking a myth, don't mention or share the original post. That gives it more profile on Facebook and will put it into more people's news feeds.

**Online Resources**

- Ag More Than Ever: [agriculturemorethanever.ca](http://agriculturemorethanever.ca)
- Farm & Food Care: [farmfoodcareon.org](http://farmfoodcareon.org)
- Farmer Tim's blog: [mayhaven.wordpress.com](http://mayhaven.wordpress.com)



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## Summer Sponsorships and Promotions

Source: Charmaine Blatz and Kelsie Gilks

In all of our promotional activities, Alberta Milk works with Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) to align our marketing and messaging. It's important to have a consistent brand and approach to promoting dairy products. We wanted to create experiences that elevate the perception of quality Canadian milk.

With the warmer weather upon us, we are busy getting ready for some great promotions and sponsorships taking place over the summer.

### Sponsorships and Promotions

Our promotions team will be on site at many events with two engaging activities to get people interacting with milk! The Cheer Carton allows guests to cheer loudly for their athlete and send a video out on social media. While the High Fiver allows participants to high five themselves after a great run. At every event, there will be chocolate milk for all because chocolate milk is a great recovery drink.

Below are some of the events our promotional team will be at this summer:

- ASAA Track and Field Championships,
- Red Deer - June 1 and 2
- Colour Me Rad 5K Race, Calgary June 23; Edmonton – August 11
- Alberta Summer Games,
- Grand Prairie – July 19 – 22
- Dragon Boat Festival, Calgary – August 13 – 15
- Edmonton Marathon – August 18 – 19
- Alberta Ride to Conquer Cancer, across Alberta – August 18 – 19
- MEC races, Calgary – variety of dates

If you're in the area be sure to stop by and check us out!

### Agriculture Education Events

Our agriculture education events are a great opportunity to work with consumers to educate them about where their milk comes from! Our *Journey of Milk* exhibit travels across the province providing an interactive experience for children to learn about dairy farming and the journey of milk. The *Journey of Milk* exhibit has been to Aggie Days Calgary, Aggie Days Lethbridge, and Amazing Agriculture in Edmonton. It will also be present at the Calgary Stampede July 6-15.

In addition to the Journey of Milk exhibit, we recently developed a mobile version called the *Milk Moobile* Trailer. The trailer was developed for farmers to borrow for smaller community events such as parades or personal farm tours. The trailer features a model cow with a working milking machine to highlight the technology and machinery used to milk our cows, as well as information pertaining to production, nutrition, and general industry information. Watch the trailer in action at some upcoming events:

- Leduc Dairy Congress, Leduc- June 7-8
- Barrhead Street Festival, Barrhead- June 9
- Innisfail Parade, Innisfail- June 16
- Breakfast on the Dairy Farm, van der Gun Dairy, Innisfail- June 23 (more information is available on page 7).
- Vermillion Fair, Vermillion- July 26-28
- Big Valley Jamboree, Camrose- August 3
- Breakfast on the Dairy Farm, Airport Dairy, Fort Mcleod- August 11
- Alberta Open Farm Days, Vermeer's Dairy Ltd, Ohaton- August 19
- Breakfast on the Dairy Farm, Glen Park Holsteins, Leduc- August 25

For more details on the above events, please visit our website, [albertamilk.com/events](http://albertamilk.com/events). If you're interested in booking the trailer for a farm or community event, or you have questions, please contact Kelsie at [kgilks@albertamilk.com](mailto:kgilks@albertamilk.com) or 780.577.3325.



## Mark Your Calendar!

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

We have the entire province covered! There will be three Breakfast on the Dairy Farm events hosted across the province this summer: northern, central and southern regions.

**Saturday, June 23** – van der Gun Dairy, Innisfail

**Saturday, August 11** – Airport Dairy, Fort MacLeod

**Saturday, August 25** – Glen Park Holsteins, Leduc

Breakfast on the Dairy Farm is a morning where a dairy farm opens its doors to the public and hosts a delicious hot breakfast for attendees. The local farmers host barn tours and other fun activities for visitors take part in. This is the first year where we have an event in all areas of the province. The first event was hosted in the Olds area in 2013. The original organizing groups, the Southern Alberta Holstein Club and the East of Olds Dairy Farmer Group, received the Alberta Farm Animal Care award for excellence in communications this year.

Thank you to the farms that stepped up to the plate to host, the countless volunteers, and the sponsors that are sure to make these events great.

Go to [albertamilk.com](http://albertamilk.com) for more information for each event, including directions. Please help us spread the word about these important events by sharing this information with your friends and family.

## Share Your Safety Story

Source: Ag Safe Alberta

Most agricultural operations have some degree of safety measures in place but many have not been formalized. Ag Safe Alberta has tools, resources and services available to assist producers in formalizing safety in their operations.

The Ag Safe Alberta website, [agsafeab.ca](http://agsafeab.ca), is the place to find e-learning courses, testimonial videos, farm safety planning resources, and the calendar of events for upcoming activities.

Most of us have a story to tell about a farm safety incident that happened to us or someone close to us on the farm. One of the most progressive things we can do is share the lessons-learned from the incident. There should be no shame in telling others what we did wrong, or what we would change next time to avoid the incident, as it may prevent someone else from meeting the same fate. Tell your story.

If you have a story and lessons learned from an incident that took place on your farm that you are willing to share, your experience may help prevent similar incidents from happening to a fellow farmer.

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## We want to hear from you!

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Ever feel like you're missing events or policy changes from Alberta Milk? Or are you just sick and tired of our emails?

Well, this is your chance to speak up.

We are seeking your feedback on how we can improve the way we communicate with you. From MilkingTimes, to workshops, to the Member's only page, we want to know what you like and what might need some changes. Of course anything you submit will be completely anonymous.

It's vital that you let us know how we're doing so we can refine how we're getting information to you. This is your organization and we make changes based on your feedback.

To participate, please go to the Member's Only page and select the Communications Survey link. It will bring you to an online survey through a website called Survey Monkey.

The survey will only take about 10 minutes and is ideal for killing time in the tractor during this busy season in the fields! Hurry, the link for the survey will be removed by June.

Any questions or concerns can be addressed with Karlee Conway at 780-577-3305 or [kconway@albertamilk.com](mailto:kconway@albertamilk.com).

## Nurturing Mental Health and Wellness on the Farm

Source: Government of Alberta

Most Alberta farm operations are family-based businesses where farmers live, work and play. Because of this, it can be hard to get away from the daily grind. Daily chores, inclement weather, business planning and financial management can be a lot for a person to handle. It is important that farm owners and family members know the signs and symptoms of fatigue, anxiety and depression.

"When you begin to feel overwhelmed or burnt out, one of the best things you can do is call a timeout, step back and take a moment for yourself. When you take time for yourself, you are giving your mind and body a break and time to re-energize," says Dr. Nicholas Mitchell, Senior Medical Director with Addiction and Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network.

Those who are feeling effects of fatigue, anxiety or depression may:

- Feel sad, grumpy or moody.
- Lose interest in their usual activities.
- Eat more and crave carbohydrates, such as bread and pasta.
- Gain weight.
- Sleep more but still feel tired.
- Have trouble concentrating.
- Have thoughts that life is not worth living.

Some ways to help focus on yourself and combat these feelings are:

- Regular exercise is one of the best things you can do for yourself.
- Particularly at this time of year, getting more sunlight may help. Try to get outside to exercise when the sun is shining.
- Being active during the daytime, especially early in the day, may help you have more energy and feel less anxious or depressed.
- Ensure your body is getting proper nutrition and hydration.
- Speak to your physician if your symptoms go on for two weeks or more.

For more information on stress, stress management, and how to identify stress, call 811 or visit My Health Alberta. For more information on farm safety, visit the Alberta Farm Safety Program.



## Hauling Manure

Source: Mike Slomp, Industry and Member Services Manager

Dairy cows in Alberta have been producing record liters of milk over the past couple of years. One of the valuable by-products of milk production is manure, in both solid and liquid form. Manure is an important nutrient for crop and soil management. However, managing manure to get maximum value out of those nutrients creates challenges for dairy farmers. For example, hauling manure across county roads far away from the barns and corrals to fields where it is best utilized, requires innovative approaches and investment in technology.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has recently published a couple of excellent references to help farmers and custom manure haulers understand some of the new ways of handling manure.

### Manure Hauling

Hauling manure on Alberta roads requires operators to pay close attention to highway safety, road infrastructure and the environment. This factsheet describes the impacts of manure hauling equipment on roads and bridges and the legal requirements for road access. As well as it provides some ideas on how to minimize wear and tear on our rural infrastructure.

### Manure Draglines

For dragline or direct-flow manure application systems to reach fields, potentially miles from a liquid manure storage, the hoses may have to run in or along a road ditch (right-of-way) or through culverts to cross roads. Roads can be crossed by using existing culverts or may require the installation of a culvert or pipe to create a crossing. If you would like to use road right of ways, you need to obtain permission from the responsible jurisdiction, whether it be the municipality or the province.

For more information on either of these topics, go to [agric.gov.ab.ca](http://agric.gov.ab.ca) or call 310-FARM.

## proAction®: Biosecurity is on the Way!

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction® Coordinator

Effective September 2019, the Biosecurity Module will be added to the proAction® validation process. With this module, each farmer will work in collaboration with their veterinarian to reduce risks of introducing diseases to the particular farm, or to control diseases if need be.

The Biosecurity Module will have seven requirements including:

1. Farm signage;
2. Completion of a risk assessment with your herd veterinarian;
3. Recording of disease events for cows and calves, and;

### Four Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

4. SOP #11 Vaccinating Against Specific Diseases of Concern.
5. SOP #12 Preventing the Introduction of Infectious Diseases When Bringing New Cattle into Facilities from Other Herds.
6. SOP #13 Preventing the Introduction of Infectious Diseases by Cattle Returning to Facilities from Other Herds, Cattle Shows, etc.
7. SOP # 14 Preventing the Introduction of Infectious Diseases by Family, Employees, Farm Visitors and Service Providers.

Nearly two-thirds of the province's dairy producers participated in the Alberta John's Disease Initiative Risk Assessment and Management Plan over the last eight years. Therefore, many producers already have the biosecurity basics in place.

In the coming months, Alberta Milk will be preparing veterinarians for their role in completing the biosecurity risk assessment and will work with them to increase their awareness of the integral role they play in relation to the other proAction modules. Later this fall, Alberta Milk will be distributing resource materials to producers and offering multiple biosecurity training sessions across the province.

If you have any questions regarding the Biosecurity Module requirements, please contact Morgan Hobin at (780) 577-3318 or [mhobin@albertamilk.com](mailto:mhobin@albertamilk.com).



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# Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions April 2018		
	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	3,880.00
Discarded	0.00	12,328.12
PLR	178,716.72	162,351.93
Interest	13,828.34	234.42
Metering	62,603.28	0.00
Organic	27,748.81	0.00
Trucking	0.00	575.00
Violations	102,079.57	0.00
<b>Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids</b>		<b>(\$0.259)</b>

Average Milk Prices	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
<b>April 2018</b>	<b>77.54</b>
Mar	77.05
Feb	75.03
Jan	77.29
Dec	77.08
Nov	79.91
Oct	79.26
Sep	77.11
Aug	75.05
July	76.36
June	78.49
May	79.94

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

Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) June 2018			
Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	7.0495	4.7245	0.1793
Class 5b	7.0495	1.5161	1.5161
Class 5c	7.6843	1.3244	1.3244
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

2017-18 Quota Exchange and Credit Deadlines		
Quota Transfer Deadline Date	Credit Transfer Deadline Date	Effective Date
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 Average Components April 2018	
Butterfat	4.1390 kg/hl
Protein	3.3366 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.7449 kg/hl

Provincial Milk Quality Averages		
Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
April 2018	22,201	187,416

# Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
<b>June 2018</b>	<b>60.64</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>
May	88.63	\$40,375
Apr	193.08	\$39,675
Mar	51.09	\$38,130
Feb	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

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
<b>May 2018</b>	<b>101,045.67</b>	<b>10.26</b>
April	85,421.27	\$9.45
Mar	102,184.00	\$6.90
Feb	99,197.91	\$4.82
Jan	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

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)	93,933	92,148	92,313	91,316	89,930
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	92,490	90,698	88,325	89,387	87,924
Producer Quota (kg/day)	90,504	90,504	89,599	89,599	89,599
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	90,504	90,504	89,599	89,599	89,599
Cumulative Position (%)	-4.91%	-4.71%	-4.33%	-1.15%	-0.96%
Producer Position (Days)	-5.71	-5.24	-4.44	-3.95	-3.92
Provincial Position (Days)	-17.38	-17.05	-16.11	-4.23	-3.59
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Western Milk Pool</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	267,302	263,737	262,391	259,592	256,054
Pool Quota (kg/day)	262,795	257,701	250,961	253,977	249,822
Cumulative Position (%)*	-4.79%	-4.58%	-4.19%	-1.07%	-0.86%
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

Production remains strong in the province. Daily average volume in April decreased by 26,413 litres (-1.17%) to 2.24 million litres compared to 2.27 million litres in the previous month. Butterfat production also declined by -1,785 kg/day (-1.90%) in April over March. The current production trend has departed from the usual seasonal trend due to Board decisions to slow down production in Alberta in response to processing capacity constraints in the Western Milk Pool. Comparing on an annual basis, there was a +8.2% growth in volume in the 12-month period ending April 2018 over the 12-month period ending April 2017; and +9.7% growth in butterfat production for same period.

### Daily Total Production Quota

Daily Total Production Quota (DTPQ) in the Western Milk Pool (WMP) increased by

+1.17 % using data based on the 12-months period ending March 2018. Daily quota issuance at the producer level decreased to 99.49% in March 2018, relative to 99.61% in February 2018. There was no incentive day for March and there was a one per cent quota cut that occurred May 1, 2018.

### Alberta Provincial Quota Utilization

At the end of March 2018, Alberta's cumulative quota position (CQP) was at -4.91%, which is the second highest of all the Western Milk Pool (WMP) provinces. British Columbia had the highest CQP of -0.15% in the WMP. All WMP provinces over-produced their monthly quota allotment for March 2018.

### Western Milk Pool & P5 Pool

At the end of March 2018, the WMP was in a cumulative quota position of -4.79% compared to +5.26% in the P5.

## Dr. Michael Steele to join the University of Guelph

Source: Mike Slomp, Producer Services Manager

Dr. Michael Steele is currently an Assistant Professor and NSERC Chair in Dairy Cow Nutrition in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science at the University of Alberta (U of A). He has recently accepted a new challenge as an assistant professor at the University of Guelph effective September 1.

Dr. Steele's departure comes after a superb four-year career at the U of A during which he has excelled in teaching, research and producer extension services and won numerous awards that recognized his contributions.

"I would like to thank all of the dairy producers of Alberta for their support and encouragement over the last four years. The support I received from Alberta motivated my lab staff every day and allowed us to achieve many of our goals together. This is not goodbye, but see you later," says Steele.

Alberta Milk is especially grateful for Mike's passion and leadership for bridging interactions between the university research world and dairy producers. Mike was frequently requested to deliver workshops on calf management in Alberta and around the world.

"Mike's contributions were especially valuable because he related so well to us producers and understood our day to day challenges of running a dairy farm. We are pleased to learn that Mike will be continuing his research projects and connecting with producers in the province with frequent trips back to Alberta," says JP Brouwer, producer chair of the Alberta Milk Research and Extension Advisory Committee.

The U of A and Alberta Milk join together to thank Dr. Steele for his outstanding contributions to the dairy industry in Alberta and wish him well for his future success at the University of Guelph.

