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## **Chairman's Message: OHS**

*Source: Tom Kootstra, Chairman*

It seems like just a few months ago that the agriculture community was reacting very strongly and negatively to the introduction of Bill 6 by the provincial government. Farmers and ranchers were caught off guard. We didn't really know what was going to be included in the proposed legislation and how it would impact us and our families on our farms. We were both very uncertain and concerned.

A lot has changed over the past two and a half years since Bill 6 was enacted as the *Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act*. The Act applies to non-related, employees working on the farm and specifically covers WCB insurance, Employment Standards, Labour Relations and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

The AgCoalition (Alberta Milk is one of the 29 farm group members), worked diligently with the Government of Alberta (GOA) to review each of the 142 GOA recommendations regarding OHS for agriculture. The OHS Code is part of a very complex regulatory framework and producer groups studied those OHS recommendations. The producer feedback gathered via work group sessions across the province included explanations and descriptions of the unique requirements of agriculture to ensure they met the expectations of farmers and ranchers in Alberta. This feedback was presented to the GOA as Industry Guidelines.

This past June, the GOA announced the new OHS regulations for agriculture, including the

requested exemptions from the AgCoalition to reflect the uniqueness of farming. In general, we as producers can be comfortable that the GOA has recognized and respected the work of the AgCoalition through the Industry Guidelines. Many of the changes announced by the GOA encourage farmers to conduct a hazard assessment of a specific task before beginning work on the farm.

Farmers understand that hazard assessments are the important first step in safety on any agricultural operation. It is important that everyone working on a farm understands the hazards associated with the work site before work begins and that those hazards must be re-assessed if conditions warrant it. We all know of personal situations on our farm or on a neighbor's farm which could have been avoided if we had just taken those few extra minutes to assess the hazard before beginning the job. Whether you farm only with family members or with employees, I encourage all dairy farmers and dairy operations to take the time to conduct hazard assessments.

The newly established AgSafe Alberta Society (ASAS) will now incorporate the new OHS regulations with Alberta farmers based on the Industry Guidelines. Please check out the many safety resources including videos, templates, sample hazard assessments and check lists at [agsafeab.ca](http://agsafeab.ca).

I wish you all a safe and healthy work place!

## **our mission**

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





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## Tragedy Strikes Dairy Farmers' Canadian Milk Tour

Source: Real Agriculture, [realagriculture.com](http://realagriculture.com)

An Ontario farm couple's cross-country tractor tour to show support for Canada's dairy sector has ended in tragedy on a highway northwest of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The tractor driven by Henk and Bettina Schuurmans, dairy farmers from Elmira, Ontario, collided with a semi on Highway 16 near Dalmeny on Monday at around 9 am. Bettina, 55, did not survive the crash. Henk was taken in serious condition to hospital in Saskatoon where he was stabilized. The semi driver was uninjured.

RCMP issued a statement saying their initial investigation found both vehicles were westbound near a weigh scale location on Highway 16 when the tractor was rear-ended by the semi.

The Schuurmans were driving a John Deere 6430 tractor carrying a large plastic cow and calf — nicknamed "Maple" and "Minnie" — from their farm to the West Coast as part of the "Canadian Milk Tour." A sign on the back of the tractor encouraged drivers to "Honk to support quality milk produced by Canadian farm families."

Since departing from their farm on June 22nd, the couple had traveled across Ontario, Manitoba and partially across Saskatchewan, reaching Saskatoon.

The tragic news stunned the Canadian dairy community and people who had encountered and supported the Schuurmans on their trek. Many people were following their tour on social media, as the couple and others posted photos using the hashtag #CdnMilkTour. The Schuurmans had talked about completing an east coast leg of the tour to Halifax after finishing the trip to Vancouver and returning home for a son's wedding later this summer.

A Go FundMepage has been created by SaskMilk and Dairy Farmers of Ontario to raise funds for and show support to the Schuurmans family.

*Alberta Milk donated to this family on behalf of all dairy farmers in our province.*



## AgSafe Videos

Source: AgSafe Alberta

The AgSafe Alberta Society held the first Annual General Meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in Red Deer. We produced a video recording of the AGM that can be found on our website, [agsafeab.ca](http://agsafeab.ca).

## Annual General Meeting

After the AGM, the Government of Alberta, Alberta Labour representative, Ross Nairne (Executive Director, Occupational Health and Safety Policy and Program Development) provided a presentation and technical briefing on the new Occupational Health and Safety Requirements for Farms and Ranches in Alberta.

## OHS Presentation

The AgSafe Alberta Society Board of Directors wanted to share the AgSafe Alberta AGM video and the Alberta Labour Technical Briefing vide with the AgSafe Alberta Society membership before posting to the public.

## Save the Date

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Mark your calendars! The 2018 Alberta Milk Annual General Meeting and Dairy Conference will be taking place November 20-22 at the Deerfoot Inn in Calgary.

### Why should you attend?

#### Provide direction for your organization.

Keep Alberta Milk grassroots. There are many opportunities during the AGM to have your say about the direction of the organization. This is your time to speak up if you want to see change.

**Learn something.** The dairy conference is the place to get inspired. This year, we are bringing in top-notch speakers.

- Timothy Caufield, *professor, researcher, author*
- Chef Michael Allemeier, *Certified Master Chef*
- Don Mayo, *Managing Partner, IMI*

**Connect with other farmers.** You don't have to wake up early, so why not spend some time meeting other farmers like you. We ensure that there is ample time to chat with friends during your breaks, lunch, wine and cheese and the hospitality suite.

### How much?

Accommodations and meals will be covered for one producer per farm.

### What is the schedule?

November 20, AGM day, *producers only*: 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

November 21, dairy conference day: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

November 22, AGM day, *producers only*: 8 to 11:45 a.m.

**Accommodations:** Hotel rooms will be reserved under your credit card. If you do not show up or give us very limited or no notice, your card will be charged with the balance owing on the room. Alberta Milk will cover the balance if you attend the event (but not any charges or damages to the room).

Watch your mailbox in the upcoming months for more details and your invitation.

## Award Season

Source: Karlee Conway, Communication Specialist

It's that time of year again: award season! These are better than any Oscar or Emmy, the Alberta Milk awards help recognize your colleagues, your mentors, your inspiration, and true hardworking people simply dedicated to move the industry forward. We are now accepting nominations for our two awards:

### Dairy Industry Achievement Award

DIAA celebrates individuals or organizations who have distinguished themselves through their substantial contributions to the leadership and development of Alberta's dairy industry.

#### Criteria

Selection of DIAA recipients will be based on service to the dairy industry in Alberta as a whole, rather than on a particular activity or service in any one area.

### Recognition of Service Award

The Recognition of Service Award is offered to recognize those individuals that have supported Alberta Milk in achieving our mandate, served producers or the Alberta dairy industry with a high level of passion and conviction and in so doing helped support the organization, producers and/or the dairy industry to succeed.

#### Criteria

Nominations will be assessed by the completion of a brief summary of why this person is deserving of recognition for their contributions to the dairy industry in Alberta.

#### Evaluation

The Corporate Affairs Committee will review and evaluate each nomination then submit to the Alberta Milk Board for their final selection.

#### Deadline

All nominations must be received by Alberta Milk no later than **October 1, by 4:30 p.m.** You can request information, specifically historical records, from Alberta Milk prior to September 14, 2018, to support your nomination. Any packages missing information will not be considered. Winners will be awarded at the Alberta Milk Dairy Conference Banquet in November in Calgary.

Download the nomination forms at [albertamilk.com](http://albertamilk.com) or on the Member's Only page.



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## Support Local Farmers!

*Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist*

### Open Farm Days

It's a record breaking year for Alberta dairy farmers: we have six dairy farms from across the province welcoming curious visitors for Open Farm Days. That is the most we've ever had participating in this important event!

Alberta Open Farm Days is a collaborative, province-wide, two-day event that gives Albertans an opportunity to experience the farm and understand where their food comes from. It is a backstage pass to meet the farmer, experience Ag-tourism in Alberta and taste local foods direct from the producer. This year, the event will take place on August 18th and 19th.

The event has been bridging the gap between farmers and consumers for a few years in our province by opening your farm for a few hours and letting consumers visit and ask questions. It's very valuable to help learn where milk comes from and help tell our story.

### Why should you care?

Even if you're not participating, we'd appreciate any help to get more consumers out to our farms. You can share the link on social media or tell some people in your community to go and check out a local farm. The more people we can get to meet actual dairy farmers and bust some misconceptions about dairy farming, the better!

To see all the farms participating, go to [albertaopenfarmdays.com](http://albertaopenfarmdays.com)

### Breakfast on the Dairy Farm

This event continues to be an extremely successful way of reaching consumers. This event welcomes the community onto a local dairy farm for a free, hot breakfast and to enjoy some of the activities the farmers have organized. Some of these family friendly things to do on the farm range from face painting to barn tours to getting photos with Moonique, our cow mascot. The experience of having people out to the farm makes it resonate with consumers and allows them to have a better understanding about why dairy farms operate how they do.

This farmer organized and executed event proved to be a winner with the over 700 people at attended the first of three breakfasts hosted in central Alberta.

As you know, we have two more Breakfast on the Dairy Farm events in August.

- Airport Dairy, Fort MacLeod – August 11
- Glen Park Holsteins, Leduc – August 25

### Why should I care?

The organizers of the event have put in countless hours to make these events successful. Please show them some support by promoting the event if you live near the community.

For more information including directions to the farms, visit [albertamilk.com](http://albertamilk.com).



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## Defending Supply Management

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Unless you've been living under a rock, supply management has been a conversation point in the media and among politicians for the last few months. With more focus on the topic, Alberta Milk has spent considerable time and effort to ensure those at the decision making table or those that can influence them understand the obvious benefits of our system.

### Meeting with MLA Bilous (Alberta Legislature)

We were able to secure a meeting with Economic Development and Trade Minister Deron Bilous with SM5. We requested his support in defending supply management on a federal scale and provided him in depth information that will help him explain the benefits at an upcoming influential meeting.

### Premier's Breakfast (Calgary and Edmonton)

We continued our sponsorship of this event which puts our producers in front of MLAs, executive staff members and the premier. In partnership with SM5, these events once again proved to be a cornerstone of creating and maintaining relationships with key elected officials.

### Conservative Party Stampede BBQ (Calgary)

We have several attendees at this event which allowed us access to the Official Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Andrew Scheer. This was an opportunity to solidify his position to defend supply management and hold the Government to its word of supporting Canadian dairy farmers.



Tom Kootstra and PC leader Andrew Scheer

## Milk and Cookies Shack with the Ag Minister (Calgary Stampede)

On July 11, Minister Carlier joined us at our Milk and Cookies Shack at the Calgary Stampede to reiterate his support for the dairy industry and supply management. Not only did he spend time selling milk and showing his partnership with the dairy industry, he also created a video where he stated why supply management is a very valuable asset to Canada.



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# The Truth About Tariffs in Canada and in the US

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Al Mussell of the University of Guelph, has published a new report illustrating that US dairy is not 'less protectionist' than Canadian dairy, focusing on US tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for imported cheese.

The report, published through Agri-Food Economic Systems, an independent economic research organization, concludes, "The ongoing narrative in which the US casts itself in the role of the victim to protectionist interests of Canadian dairy is highly simplistic and inaccurate."

Mussel comments that there are more "profound similarities in Canadian and US milk marketing policy" than we tend to think.

Canada imports more dairy products than the US on a per-capita basis. Canada imports about 10% of its market tariff free, while the United-States imports only 3% of their market. Mussell notes: "In comparison with its market size, the US allows for much less cheese market access within its tariff rate quota. Canada allows in about double what the US does, on a relative production share basis." Another revelation of this report: some of their over-quota tariffs are higher than Canada's!

Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) has recently published on the Farmers' Voice blog 4 Facts on Canada-US dairy trade to further educate on the issue.

## 1. Canada Imports a Huge Amount of US Dairy

Canada's dairy trade deficit with the US has fluctuated from year to year, grown steadily in the last ten years, reaching a ratio of 5:1 in 2016, and in 2017, it came back to the trade balance levels seen in 2014. In 2017, Canada imported a massive \$470.6 million in US dairy products. In the same year, the US only imported \$149.5 million worth Canadian products. This type of trade deficit would usually be characterized as 'no small feat' in context of the disproportionate market size of the United States compared to Canada.

## 2. Trump is Wrong About Tariffs on Dairy

President Trump claims that all US dairy products face a 270% tariff when entering Canada, which is false.

Imported dairy imports, including those coming from the United-States, do not pay the tariff when arrive on the Canadian market. Tariffs are only imposed after a certain level of imports has been reached. This measure, called tariff-rate quota (TRQ), grants our farmers the ability to better plan their production and means Canadians waste less product.

The United States uses tariff-rate quotas to limit dairy products they import too – and some of their tariffs are higher than Canada's.

## 3. Canada imports More Dairy than the US

On a per-capita basis. Although Canadian dairy farmers would be more than happy to meet all of the Canadian demand for dairy, Canada imports about 10% of its market tariff free. tariff-free. This is important to note considering that the United-States imports only 3% of their market – because they impose their own heavy roadblocks on exporters.

To put this into perspective, each Canadian has much greater access to imported dairy products than an American does. This is an inconvenient truth for the American Administration.

## 4. Canada's Dairy Industry Supports Canadians

Perhaps the most important element to consider in the trade debate is the important economic engine that is the Canadian dairy industry. Canada's dairy industry proudly contributes about \$20 billion to the national GDP. On top of this important economic contribution, the Canadian dairy sector supports 221,000 jobs at home. These are taxpayers, consumers and, families, which rely on dairy for their livelihood and, in turn, support their communities.

## proAction®: Read Before Applying and Call Before You Ship

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction® Coordinator

Fly and insect season is upon us! So is haying, silaging, school holidays and unpredictable weather. As a producer, you are trying to manage all of this and more. During times of high pressure and busy schedules, there is an increased risk that something can go sideways and a mistake happens.

In the last 18 months, there have been three “near-misses” whereby producers have applied a product to the inappropriate group of dairy animals. In these instances, an insecticide meant for beef or non-lactating animals was applied to lactating and/or close-up cattle. This mistake meant that several cows were not eligible for the tank for many days and/or milk was not picked up until bulk tank samples cleared approved testing. Both scenarios resulted in lost income to the producer. These “near-misses” had the potential to impact Alberta’s dairy industry on a larger scale had this milk reached the processing plant. Furthermore, the reputation of Canada’s quality milk may have been jeopardized had there been a public health issue resulting in a product recall.

In each of these “near miss” cases, the producer immediately contacted Alberta Milk to indicate that an on-farm problem. We worked with the producer and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) to test the milk and the cows which meant producer pick-up was reinstated as soon as possible. However, had more attention to detail been used in choosing and administering the product, the situation may have been avoided altogether.

The primary goal of proAction’s Food Safety module is to ensure that farmers are implementing best management practices to produce safe milk and meat. These best management practices, by design, mean that you as producers are responsible to administer veterinary drugs and do not compromise the food safety of the milk or meat products produced.

The use of medicines on dairy cattle are part of modern animal health and milk production for the foreseeable future. Therefore, product selection, understanding labels correctly and training staff

are critical: this includes record keeping. Without having a way of knowing exactly which animal received what product and dose, it can become an onerous task to identify the animals whose milk must be kept out of the tank.

Many factors are involved when working with your veterinarian to decide what product to use. These include:

- The animal’s condition that needs to be treated;
- Class of animals (calves, pre/bred heifers, dry cows, lactating cows);
- Product withdrawal times (milk and meat);
- Approved for use in Canada and;
- Approved for use on dairy cattle.

Should you experience a similar incident on -farm whereby the incorrect product and/or feed has been given, please contact Alberta Milk immediately! As your member organization, we will work with AAF to assist you in mitigating the potential food safety risks. Alberta Milk will work with you to gain understanding so that insights can be shared with fellow Alberta dairy producers, with the aim of preventing further “near-misses”.



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## Alberta Milk Trifecta Win

Source: Jodi Flaig, Industry Development Coordinator

### What is the Alberta Milk trifecta?

Alberta Milk proudly supports three specific research positions in western Canada which have recently won big, prestigious international awards at the 2018 American Dairy Science Association AGM! The three positions include Dr. Michael Steele (U of Alberta), Drs. Nina von Keyserlingk & Dan Weary (U of British Columbia) and Dr. Herman Barkema (U of Calgary, faculty of Veterinary Medicine).

### What awards did they receive?

- **Michael Steele** - Cargill Animal Nutrition Young Scientist Award - To recognize outstanding research by young dairy production scientists during the first ten years of their professional career.
- **Nina von Keyserlingk** - DeLaval Dairy Extension Award - To recognize outstanding achievements in dairy extension.
- **Herman Barkema** - Elanco Award for Excellence in Dairy Science - To recognize outstanding research in dairy production contributing to improvement or care of dairy cattle, development and improvement of processes, products, equipment, methods, handling, and sanitation.

### How does Alberta Milk support these research positions?

Each of these three research positions is registered as an Industrial Research Chairs (IRC) with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). IRCs are prestigious appointments, intended to assist universities in building on existing strengths to achieve the critical mass required for a major research endeavour in science and engineering of interest to industry; and/or assist in the development of research efforts in fields that have not yet been developed in Canadian universities but for which there is an important industrial need.

Having a research position registered as an NSERC IRC is very valuable to Alberta Milk because it means the scientists can leverage

our producer dollars to generate substantial matching grants to fund the research. Alberta Milk's contribution to the 3 IRC positions and their field of expertise is as follows:

- UBC: \$10,000 per year for 5 years for research into animal welfare issues
- UCMV: \$100,000 per year for 5 years for dairy animal infectious diseases including Johne's Disease and mastitis.
- U of A: \$110,000 per year for 5 years to research dairy calf nutrition and management

### Who else supports these three IRC positions?

The funding contributions from industry partners makes each IRC eligible to receive matching funding from NSERC. Industry partners include: BC Dairy Association, Canadian Dairy Network, CanWest DHI, Cattle Industry Development Council, Dairy Farmers of Canada, Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, Intervet Canada Corp, Lallemand, Novus International, SaskMilk, Valacta, Westgen and Zoetis.

Together, these industry partners provide about \$2.8 Million of funding to support the researcher, their students and project work. With the matched funding from NSERC the return on each Alberta Milk dollar is almost 10:1.

For more information on Alberta Milk's support of research see the insert included with this issue.



Dr. Steele, Dr von Keyserlingk and Dr. Barkema showcasing their awards



## Let's Get Social!

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

It's vital that Alberta Milk continues to refine and reevaluate the way we connect with consumers. They are the ones that keep our farms in business and it's our role to be where they are to answer any questions about where their dairy products come from.

With that, Alberta Milk will be expanding on to Instagram this fall. There is a huge audience that we can reach with positive dairy messages through photos. Instagram is a complimentary move to the current social media outlets we are currently on: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and YouTube. All of these various social media sites reach different people in different ways. Please give us a follow!

With the additional time that will go towards Instagram, we have made the difficult decision to end our blog, [easy.tasty.healthy](#). The blog has served us very well in the past, but we felt it was time to refine our strategy to areas we would have the most impact. We will still be posting recipes on our website to promote cooking with dairy and dairy nutrition. We will also be sponsoring posts on other sites in order to reach even more audiences that we may not have the opportunity to before.

We encourage you to share our consumer-friendly content on a medium you might already be on to help us spread the word even more. If you have any questions about our social media, you can contact Karlee Conway at 780-577-3305 or simply send us a private message on whatever medium you're using.

## New Moo Apparel!

Source: Kelsie Gillks, School and Agriculture Program Coordinator

The Alberta Milk online store has been restocked with new clothing items!

For men we have a light-weight Nike Dryfit Polo available in two styles (solid blue and embossed blue), sizes S-3XL. \$40



Women can now order a fuchsia zip up Stormtech sweater featuring thumbholes, a hood and a light fabric. These are perfect for when you're on-the-go early in the morning. Sizes XS-2XL. \$60



These new items, and many others, can be ordered by visiting [store.albertamilk.com](#).

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## Dairy Production Statistics

<b>Producer Pool Additions/Deductions June 2018</b>		
	<b>Additions (\$)</b>	<b>Deductions (\$)</b>
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Calibration	0.00	2,525.00
Discarded	0.00	92,571.53
PLR	70,889.03	162,521.37
Interest	13,773.26	234.42
Metering	60,486.76	100.60
Organic	28,994.02	0.00
Trucking	0.00	1,150.00
Violations	40,434.38	0.00
<b>Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids</b>		<b>(\$0.0050)</b>

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

<b>Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) August 2018</b>			
Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	7.7258	4.7807	0.3369
Class 5b	7.7258	1.8545	1.8545
Class 5c	7.8754	1.5624	1.5624
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

<b>Provincial Average Components June 2018</b>	
Butterfat	3.9951 kg/hl
Protein	3.2678 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.7389 kg/hl

<b>Average Milk Prices</b>	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
<b>June 2018</b>	<b>75.3</b>
May	76.58
April	77.54
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

<b>2017-18 Quota Exchange and Credit Deadlines</b>		
Quota Transfer Deadline Date	Credit Transfer Deadline Date	Effective Date
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

<b>Provincial Milk Quality Averages</b>		
Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
June 2018	28,784	208,155

# Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
<b>Aug 2018</b>	<b>56.20</b>	<b>\$40,980</b>
July	77.50	\$41,020
June	60.64	\$41,000
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

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
<b>July 2018</b>	<b>76,061.27</b>	<b>\$8.79</b>
June	80,013.40	\$9.39
May	101,045.67	10.26
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

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	May	June	July	August	September
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
<b>Alberta</b>					
<b>Butterfat Production (kg/day)</b>	91,967	91,339	90,560	90,355	91,620
<b>Provincial Quota (kg/day)</b>	88,751	88,399	87,811	89,054	91,388
<b>Producer Quota (kg/day)</b>	89,264	89,235	89,235	89,235	89,235
<b>Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)</b>	89,264	89,235	89,235	92,114	95,184
<b>Cumulative Position (%)</b>	-4.43%	-1.15%	-0.89%	-0.77%	-0.74%
<b>Producer Position (Days)</b>	-3.95	-3.32	-2.93	-3.10	-3.20
<b>Provincial Position (Days)</b>	-16.43	-4.27	-3.33	-2.83	-2.68
<b>Penalty (kg)</b>	0	-1,091,790		0	0
<b>Western Milk Pool</b>					
<b>Butterfat Production (kg/day)</b>	259,901	257,088	254,997	253,996	258,248
<b>Pool Quota (kg/day)</b>	252,171	251,170	249,500	253,030	259,662
<b>Cumulative Position (%)*</b>	-4.32%	-1.07%	-0.89%	-0.85%	-0.90%
<b>Penalty (kg)</b>	0	-3,039,716	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 June increased by 10,766 litres (+0.47%) to 2.29 million litres compared to 2.28 million litres in the previous month.

Butterfat production however declined by -628 kg/day (-0.68%) in June over May. Comparing on an annual basis, there was a +8.82% growth in volume in the 12-month period ending June 2018 over the 12-month period ending June 2017; and +10.42% growth in butterfat production for same period.

### Daily Total Production Quota

Daily Total Production Quota (DTPQ) in the Western Milk Pool (WMP) decreased by -2.39 per cent using data based on the 12-months period ending May 2018. Daily quota issuance at the producer level decreased to 97.54 per cent in May 2018, relative to 98.67 per cent in February 2018. There was no incentive-day in place for June 2018 and a one per cent quota cut was implemented on May 1, 2018 in response to processing capacity constraints in the WMP.

### Alberta Provincial Quota Utilization

At the end of May 2018, Alberta's cumulative quota position (CQP) was at -4.43 per cent, which is the second highest of all the Western Milk Pool (WMP) provinces. British Columbia had the highest CQP of +0.02 per cent in the WMP. All WMP provinces over-produced their monthly quota allotment for May 2018.

### Western Milk Pool & P5 Pool

At the end of May 2018, the WMP was in a cumulative quota position of -4.32 per cent compared to +6.61 per cent in the P5. A CMSMC decision to re-instate March 2016 CQP (kg) effective June 1, 2018 is expected to bring the WMP's CQP to -1.07 at the end of June 2018.

## Western Canadian Dairy Seminar John J Kennelly Award of Merit

### Seeking Award of Merit Nominations

The Western Canadian Dairy Seminar (WCDS) is seeking nominations for the John J Kennelly Award of Merit. The WCDS Award of Merit is inspired by the past contributions of Dr. John Kennelly to the seminar and is awarded by the Advisory Committee to an individual who has made a superior contribution in the areas of education, training, technology transfer and extension to the Western Canadian dairy industry.

To nominate an individual for the Award of Merit please complete the nomination form which can be found at **wcds.ca**.

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