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## Chairman's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chairman

Caring for our animals is one of the fundamental values of who we are. Our love for cows is one of the reasons we chose to be dairy farmers. When people ask us about it, we can proudly share our excellent every day practices and standards for the animals in our care.

The Canadian dairy industry's commitment to implement proAction® is our straight-forward, transparent effort to show how farmers responsibly produce milk and work to continually improve animal health and welfare. We can be very proud of the work we have done.

Recognizing our commitments to animal care, I would like to take a few moments to talk about our challenges going forward.

The Alberta Farm Animal Care recently released the results of its Cattle Benchmarking Project which assessed the condition of beef and dairy cattle being transported to auction markets and federal and provincial abattoirs.

Alberta Milk supported this project and in January, I sent a letter and information package to each of you highlighting the good, the bad and the ugly of dairy cull cattle in Alberta. The transport of dairy animals after they leave the farm needs to be handled humanely and in accordance with provincial and federal law.

Recently, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) proposed changes to the rules for the transportation of animals. The changes include a reduction in the maximum hours any animal can be transported without access to food, water and

rest. They will also clarify definitions of "unfit" and "compromised" to help farmers, haulers, and regulators understand what the expectations are and to allow better enforcement of the animal transportation rules. The livestock industry will work together to provide feedback to the proposed changes.

Alberta Milk will work closely with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the CFIA to ensure awareness and understanding of animal care during transport and the timely use of government compliance tools (monetary fines) when deemed appropriate.

As dairy farmers, we are responsible for decisions about shipping animals. The January information package included excellent resources describing compromised and unfit animals. These decisions include properly identifying compromised and unfit animals on farm:

- a. compromised animals must be sent to the proper location
- b. unfit animals must not be transported except for veterinary diagnosis or treatment

We have expressed our love for animals as one of the fundamental values of being a dairy farmer. This includes being responsible for decision-making about shipping our dairy cattle. Complete animal care is an important commitment of proAction because we need to maintain the ongoing trust of Canadian consumers.

## 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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# Production Flexibility Limits Adjustment Reminder

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

At the October 18, 2018 Board meeting, the Alberta Milk Board of Directors approved a decision to adjust the production flexibility limits as follows:

- The upper limit of +10 days will be reduced to +7 days in February 2019 and then further to +5 days in April 2019;
- Likewise, the lower limit of -20 days will be changed to -17 days in August 2019 and then further to -15 days in October 2019.

Hence, the effective upper and lower flexibility limits effective October 2019 will be +5/-15 days, which will also bring Alberta to full harmonization with the other Western Milk Pool provinces.

While we have messaged this policy change at the 2018 Fall Producer meetings and on the Members Only site, we are getting a few questions on the actual administration of the policy. Below are some scenarios of how the upper-limit reductions will be applied in April 2019.

Please note the closing position for March 2019 is the same as opening position for April 2019 in all cases. Also, note credits for April would have had to have been bought on or before March 25, 2019.

1. For a producer with a March closing position at or above +5 days, if the producer ships less than or exactly to his quota for April, then the producer:
  - did NOT need to buy credits to bring himself down to +5 days for April;
  - would receive full payment for all his milk shipped in April;
  - any credits purchased for April will not be used and will be available for subsequent months.
  - your April closing position will be +5 days or less.

2. For a producer with a March closing position at or above +5 days, if the producer over-ships his quota for April, then the producer:
  - would have needed to purchase credits to cover his over-shipment in April;
  - some of the credits purchased for April (if any) would go to cover the over-production in April and the unused credits, if any, will be available for subsequent months;
  - would receive full payment for his 'within-limits' (i.e., +5/-20 days) milk shipped in April.
3. For a producer with a March closing position at or below +5 days; if the producer ships less than or exactly to his quota for April, then the producer:
  - did not need to buy any credits for April;
  - credits purchased for April (if any) would not be used and will be available for subsequent months;
  - would receive full payment for all his milk shipped in April.
4. For a producer with a March closing position at or below +5 days; if the producer over-ships his quota for April, then the producer:
  - may have bought credits to cover his over-shipment in April;
  - some of the credits purchased for April (if any) would go to cover the over-production in April and the unused credits, if any, will be available for subsequent months;
  - would receive full payment for his 'within-limits' (i.e., +5/-20 days) milk shipped in April.

## Advocating for Supply Management

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

On March 14, Chairman Tom Kootstra presented to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future regarding the impacts of the Canadian-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) on our farms. Prior to this, Alberta Milk submitted a lengthy submission detailing the long-term negative impacts this agreement poses for the industry.

Kootstra sat on a panel with representatives from the poultry boards. In his presentation, he detailed the four main ways that this agreement impacted the industry:

1. Increased market access for products coming into our Canadian market from the USA.
2. Removal of Class 7 from the Canadian harmonized milk product classification system.
3. Tight restrictions and a surcharge on Canadian dairy exports.
4. Loss of sovereignty.

Our anticipation is that this will help the industry ensure there is a fair mitigation package and create more awareness of the benefits of supply managements and the risks associated with any loss of future markets.

The federal government established two working groups to help them assess the impacts of the CUSMA and assess programs for sustaining the dairy industry into the future. A mitigation working group which completed its work and submitted a report to the federal government and a visioning working group that has yet to get started. Tom served directly on the mitigation working group.

We'd like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to present this information.



## Participate in Open Farm Days

Source: Kelsie Gilks, School and Agriculture Program Coordinator

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 behind-the-scenes access to meet the farmers behind their food, experience Ag-tourism in Alberta, and taste local foods direct from the farmers. This year, the event will be taking place on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

The event has worked to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers for a few years. The event allows you to open your farm for a few hours, while letting consumers visit, ask questions, and take in the beauty of your farm. It is so valuable to educate consumers about where their milk comes from. We want consumers to understand our story.

For a second year, we will be offering \$500 to the first ten farms that register to participate in Open Farm Days. We understand that a significant amount of time and money can be spent to get your farm ready for the public to visit. This honorarium is meant to help relieve some of the costs or barriers associated with preparing your farm for visitors.

You must confirm your attendance with Kim from Alberta Milk at 780-577-3325 or [kskolarchuk@albertamilk.com](mailto:kskolarchuk@albertamilk.com), in addition to registering on the Alberta Open Farm Days website, [albertafarmdays.ca](http://albertafarmdays.ca), before May 31, 2019. The website also provides more information and you can see who else might be registered in your area.



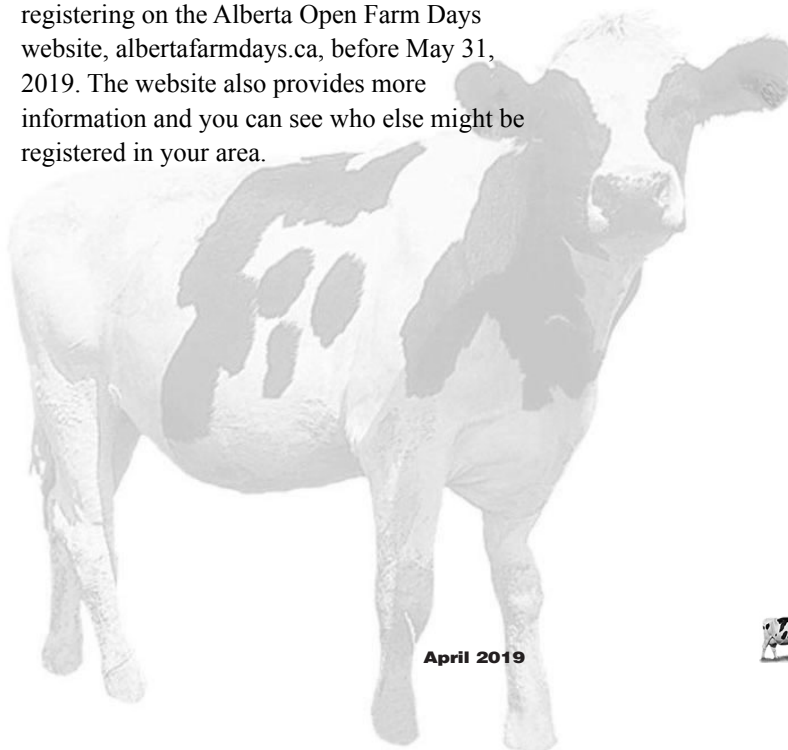
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## UCP Announces Agriculture Platform

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

On March 12, United Conservative Party (UCP) leader Jason Kenney announced his position on farming in Alberta.

1. Eliminate the Carbon Tax.
2. Cut taxes on the agricultural sector through Job Creation Tax Cut.
3. Cut red tape on agribusiness by one third through the UCP's Red Tape Reduction Action Plan.
4. Fight Back Against Attacks on Agriculture. There are growing attacks from well-funded special interests against our livestock industries, together with modern crop science and agricultural techniques. In many ways, these attacks resemble the campaign of vilification targeting Alberta's energy industry in recent years. A United Conservative government will work with the agriculture industry to tell the truth about our safe, ethical, and environmentally responsible farming practices and products.
5. Fight for Market Access. Indian tariffs continue to block Alberta pulse exports, while China recently restricted Canadian canola exports. A United Conservative government will exert pressure on the federal government to use all tools at its disposal to open these and other markets, and Jason Kenney would fight for Alberta producers in key markets overseas, as he did in India last September.
6. Eliminate interprovincial trade barriers. A UCP government will lead a national effort to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers as part of the Red Tape Reduction Action Plan.
7. Ensure that farmers, not government, set key agriculture research priorities. The UCP trusts farmers to decide what type of research would provide the most benefit. The intent of public research is to support the agricultural industry with long-term research goals, which help improve Alberta's competitiveness.

8. Perform a comprehensive review of risk mitigation programs to ensure they are streamlined and delivering maximized benefits to agri-food industry participants while ensuring Albertans are getting the greatest value for their investment with the least exposure. This will include crop and livestock insurance programs.

9. Streamline the Alberta Agricultural Services Corporation so that it improves service and responsiveness to farmers.

10. Strengthen Property Rights by pursuing constitutional entrenchment of property rights, and adoption of an Alberta Property Rights Protection Act.

11. Consult on land sales – In order to replace good agricultural land being lost to urban expansion, a United Conservative government would cooperate with municipalities seeking auctions on parcels of Crown land for agricultural use, where appropriate.

For more details, please go to [unitedconservative.ca](http://unitedconservative.ca).

No other party has yet to announce a formal position on agriculture. Please visit other party's websites for more information.

### Getting Active During the Election

There are a variety of resources available for you to help you advocate for the industry on the Members' Only page:

- Tool kit
- Recorded 30-minute webinar on how you can engage
- Updated polls, events and analysis
- Messages

If you do not have access to the Members' Only page, please contact Karlee Conway at 780-577-3305 or [kconway@albertamilk.com](mailto:kconway@albertamilk.com).





# Alberta Milk Scholarship Recipients

Source: Daria Taylor, Corporate Operations Manager

The very first Alberta Milk Scholarship was given out in March of 1999, this year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> year of awarding scholarships to children of dairy producers. The Alberta Milk Scholarship was created to help sustain the dairy industry by providing a scholarship to students who study dairy or a related agriculture discipline that furthers the dairy industry. To date, Alberta Milk has invested \$64,750 in the potential of youth by providing scholarships that reward students for their community contributions and ability to build sustainability in the dairy industry and, at the same time, create self-esteem and fuel success.

This year Alberta Milk received 16 applications and we are pleased to be able to offer three \$1,000 Alberta Milk Scholarships. The recipients of the 2018-19 scholarships are David Verhoef, Michael Haeni and Lars Iversen.

## David Verhoef (Verhoef Dairy Ltd, Ponoka).

David is attending Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) and is in his first year of his Dairy Herd Management Diploma. After he finishes school, he will be returning to Alberta to dairy farm. David was very involved in 4-H prior to heading to college and is currently the vice-president of the LTC dairy club student association.

**Michael Haeni (Lone Pine Jerseys, Didsbury).** He is in his fourth year at the University of Saskatchewan working on his bachelor's degree in agri-business. Michael already has a diploma in agriculture business from Lakeland College. Michael plans to use his schooling to open a processing plant that will incorporate wholesale and retail and include a variety of dairy products. His main objective is not only to sell his milk locally, but to educate consumers on where their milk comes from.

## Lars Iversen (Innislake Dairy, Olds).

Lars is a fourth-year student currently attending the University of Saskatchewan for agribusiness. Lars is the chair for the Agriculture Students Association (ASA), a member of the Canadian Agriculture Marketing Association (CAMA), and a past member of the Stockman's Dairy team. Upon graduation, he plans on pursuing a career in sales with a dairy nutrition company or in a farm consulting role that covers finance, nutrition and herd management.

Alberta Milk offers at least one \$1,000 scholarship to a student in any year of study at an officially recognized post-secondary institution. The applicants are evaluated on an essay about how they plan to benefit the future of Alberta's dairy industry, as well as scholastic achievement, leadership skills, community involvement, 4-H, and work experience. Alberta Milk producer families are encouraged to consider supporting students who fit the criteria to apply for next year.



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## New Federal Ag Minister

Source: Karlee Conway, communications specialist, and Government of Canada

MP Jody Wilson-Raybould's exit from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's cabinet has led to a mini-shuffle and a new federal minister for agriculture and agri-food.

Marie-Claude Bibeau, MP for the Quebec riding of Compton-Stanstead since 2015, replaced Lawrence MacAulay as agriculture minister, becoming the first woman to handle the ag portfolio.

### Biography

Minister Bibeau began her career at the Canadian International Development Agency and went on postings to Morocco and Benin. After settling down with her family in Quebec's Eastern Townships, she became a successful businesswoman and was actively involved in her community.

In her formal role as Minister of International Development, she helped refocus Canada's international assistance on helping the poorest and most vulnerable people and on supporting fragile states. In June 2017, after several months of consultations, Minister Bibeau launched Canada's new Feminist International Assistance Policy. This innovative new vision will make Canada a leader in the fight against poverty by prioritizing gender equality in the country's international assistance programming.

Supported by this new policy, Minister Bibeau advocated for actions and initiatives that empower women and girls, and she defended their rights. As well, she was at the heart of Canada's strategy for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development objectives both at home and around the world.

Helping Canada exercise its leadership on global health issues, she played a key role in ensuring that Canada hosted the Fifth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in

Montréal in September 2016, and that it will host the Women Deliver conference in Vancouver in 2019, which will bring together 6,000 people.

In her current role, Minister Bibeau's overarching goal is to support the agricultural sector in a way that allows it to be a leader in job creation and innovation. Knowing that Canada's farmers, ranchers and food processors are the foundation of our food sector, she will help Canada's agriculture sector be more innovative, safer, and stronger.

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## Celebrating Agriculture

Source: Daria Taylor, Corporate Operations Manager

Canadian Agriculture Day is a day to celebrate the food we love and those who produce it. On February 12, Alberta Milk, like many others in agriculture, took part in a few of the activities held in Alberta. The two events Alberta Milk attended brought together consumers and farmers to help make the urban/rural connection.

Ag for Life hosted Feed-A-Farmer Celebrity Cook Off in Calgary where local celebrities and chefs paired up to make dishes from Alberta ingredients. The meals were then judged by a panel of farmers. This half-day celebration brought together industry leaders, local media and Alberta farmers. Cheese and other dairy products were provided to the teams along with pulses, beef and other Alberta-grown ingredients for creating their dishes.

Meet in the Middle is a dinner event that brought together educators from the city to share a meal and talk with farmers and others in the agriculture industry. Throughout the evening, the 150 participants enjoyed Alberta-grown food prepared by local chefs which allowed for conversations and connections to be made. This year, those attending made their own butter to eat with their meal (there was a whole lot of shaking going on). Arie VandenBroek and Carina Sturkenboom represented Alberta Milk's dairy farmers at the event in the Willow Lane Barn in Olds.



## Dairy Compensation in Federal Budget

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada



This year's edition of the budget includes an announcement of a \$3.9B compensation package for supply managed farmers, including dairy farmers, and a commitment to address the future impacts of CUSMA. DFC is seeking further clarification on the amount allocated specifically to dairy farmers, as well as details on the announced programs. The envelope is consistent with the amount announced by the previous government.

Following the recent ratifications of CETA and CPTPP, Budget 2019 proposes up to \$3.9 billion in support for supply-managed farmers:

- Support will be offered to sustain the incomes of eligible dairy, poultry, and egg farmers, by making available up to \$2.4 billion. Of this amount, \$250 million has already been provided to support dairy farmers as a result of CETA, therefore a net amount of up to \$2.15 billion will be available in coming years to deal with income losses associated with these agreements; and
- Assistance will also be offered to protect the value of investments made by farmers in supply-managed sectors, through a Quota Value Guarantee Program that will protect against reduction in quota value when the quota is sold. \$1.5 billion has been set aside for this demand-driven program.

Through 2019, the Government will continue to work in partnership with supply management stakeholders to address the impacts on processing, as well as potential future impacts of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement.

More details will be shared as they become available. An update will be provided at Spring Producer Meetings.



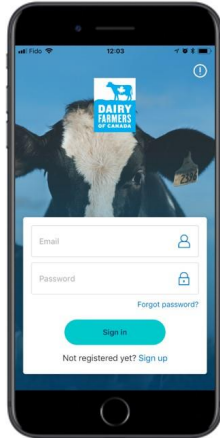
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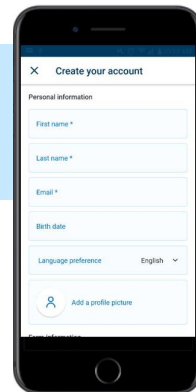
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# proAction® - Terminology Refresher!

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction® Coordinator

The proAction® modules and many Alberta Milk programs use similar terminology. For example, there are multiple assessment tools. However, each of them fulfills a different need. To provide a refresher, we have defined a number of the terms below and clarified how they are associated with proAction implementation.

*proAction Validation/Audit* – The process to ensure your compliance with proAction standards through a systematic, independent and documented process. This may be accomplished through an independent evaluation on-farm or through a self-declaration.

*Validator/Auditor* – The person who completes the on-farm proAction validation. Alberta Milk contracts seven independent validators across the province.

*Self-Declaration (self-dec)* – A type of validation that permits you to complete a questionnaire for submission to Alberta Milk, in lieu of an on-farm validation of records by a validator. The completed self-dec questionnaire is evaluated by Alberta Milk's proAction coordinator to confirm compliance with proAction standards.

## Animal Care

*Cattle Assessment* – A process in which a sample of lactating cows is assessed for body condition score; hock, knee and neck injuries; and lameness. This is a key requirement that must be completed every two years.

*Assessor* – The person who completes the cattle assessment by observing and scoring the animal-based measures. In Alberta, Holstein Canada is contracted to conduct these assessments through their classifiers and the western Canadian field representative.

*Herd Summary Report* – Contains a summary of the percentage of cattle with acceptable scores for each measure as well as details of the scores given to each animal in the sample. It is provided to you at the time of the cattle assessment.

*Peer Report* – Indicates how your herd's results compare to the results of herds across Canada. This report will be sent to you within a couple of days following your cattle assessment via mail or email from [webmaster@holstein.ca](mailto:webmaster@holstein.ca). The report determines what additional steps are required, such as preparing a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for any of your herd's measures in the red zone. This report along with the Herd Summary Report will be needed at the time of your proAction on-farm validation.

*Lameness Reduction Initiative* – You can choose to use this Alberta Milk initiative as a tool to aid you in developing a CAP for lameness and is achieved by completing a risk assessment with your veterinarian. It helps you identify management and housing risk factors that contribute to lameness.

## Biosecurity

*Biosecurity Risk Assessment* – Identifies biosecurity risk areas and leads to a focused discussion with your herd veterinarian about how to reduce, eliminate or manage these risks. It is to be completed in conjunction with your herd veterinarian every two years.

**\*\*Note:** Alberta Milk obtained Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) funding to benchmark provincial biosecurity risks and on-farm activities. Reimbursement is provided to farmers who submit a copy of their first completed risk assessment (and an accompanying cheque requisition).

Questions and/or risk assessments can be emailed to Morgan Hobin at [mhobin@albertamilk.com](mailto:mhobin@albertamilk.com) or faxed to 780-455-2196.



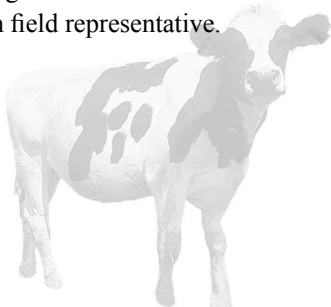
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# Dairy Production Statistics

<b>Producer Pool Additions/Deductions February 2019</b>		
	<b>Additions (\$)</b>	<b>Deductions (\$)</b>
Audit Adjustment	0.00	750.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	1,525.00
Discarded	8,139.60	16,625.74
PLR	94,976.58	159,768.05
Interest	20,183.95	95.59
Metering	62,326.44	0.00
Trucking	62,811.54	0.00
Violations	20,183.95	0.00
<b>Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids</b>		<b>(\$0.0035)</b>

<b>Average Milk Prices</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>TPQ \$/hL</b>
<b>Feb 2019</b>	<b>82.75</b>
Jan	83.72
Dec	84.36
Nov	82.56
Oct	83.26
Sep	79.77
Aug	77.55
July	77.44
June	75.34
May	76.58
April	77.54
Mar	77.05

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

<b>Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) April 2019</b>			
<b>Milk Class</b>	<b>Butterfat</b>	<b>Protein</b>	<b>Other Solids</b>
Class 5a	7.3789	3.4285	0.7660
Class 5b	7.3789	2.3411	2.3411
Class 5c	7.0518	1.9986	1.9986
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

<b>2018-19 Quota Exchange and Credit Deadlines</b>		
<b>Quota Transfer Deadline Date</b>	<b>Credit Transfer Deadline Date</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Apr. 16, 2019	Apr. 23, 2019	May 1, 2019
May 17, 2019	May 24, 2019	June 1, 2019
Jun. 17, 2019	Jun. 24, 2019	July 1, 2019
Jul. 17, 2019	Jul. 24, 2019	Aug. 1, 2019
Aug. 16, 2019	Aug. 23, 2019	Sep. 1, 2019
Sep. 16, 2019	Sep. 23, 2019	Oct. 1, 2019
Oct. 17, 2019	Oct. 24, 2019	Nov. 1, 2019
Nov. 18, 2019	Nov. 25, 2019	Dec. 1, 2019

<b>Provincial Average Components February 2019</b>	
Butterfat	4.1957 kg/hl
Protein	3.2176 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.9095 kg/hl

<b>Provincial Milk Quality Averages</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Bacteria Average (IBC)</b>	<b>Somatic Cell Count (SCC)</b>
Feb. 2019	20,263	200,942



# Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
<b>Apr 2019</b>	<b>135.01</b>	<b>\$39,305</b>
Mar	119.97	\$39,125
Feb	146.90	\$40,040
Jan	175.74	\$39,900
Dec	85.75	\$39,105
Nov	121.93	\$38,865
Oct	121.00	\$39,100
Sep	69.30	\$39,500
Aug	56.20	\$40,980
July	77.50	\$41,020
June	60.64	\$41,000
May	88.63	\$40,375
Apr	193.08	\$39,675

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
<b>Mar 2019</b>	<b>81,185.02</b>	<b>\$8.41</b>
Feb	86,721.31	\$10.05
Jan	102,870.69	\$9.89
Dec	87,105.40	\$8.46
Nov	85,793.48	\$7.17
Oct	81,249.68	\$6.70
Sep	81,436.34	\$7.71
Aug	75,061.35	\$8.56
July	76,061.27	\$8.79
June	80,013.40	\$9.39
May	101,045.67	\$10.26
April	85,421.27	\$9.45
Mar	102,184.00	\$6.90

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	January	February	March	April	May
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
<b>Alberta</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	92,932	93,179	91,742	93,920	94,895
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	84,294	87,131	87,303	85,878	89,369
Producer Quota (kg/day)	89,963	93,556	93,556	93,556	93,556
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	89,963	93,556	93,556	93,556	93,556
Cumulative Position (%)	-2.58%	-2.05%	-1.65%	-0.93%	-0.42%
Producer Position (Days)	-2.38	-2.56	-3.24	-3.21	-2.85
Provincial Position (Days)	-10.07	-7.91	-6.32	-3.62	-1.56
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Western Milk Pool</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	271,333	272,286	270,601	271,604	270,282
Pool Quota (kg/day)	242,348	247,568	248,056	244,007	253,928
Cumulative Position (%)*	-2.07%	-1.33%	-0.60%	-0.27%	-0.81%
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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## Activists Strike Dairy in Ontario

*Source: Karlee Conway, communications specialist, with files from Dairy Farmers of Ontario*

On Saturday, March 9, about 50 animal rights activists visited a dairy farm in Ontario. While at the first farm, activists recorded a 1.5-hour video that was also streamed live on the social media platform, Facebook.

### How to protect your farm:

Alberta Milk always recommends any security risks are handled directly by the appropriate authorities and encourages all producers to take the following precautions:

- Post no entry, no trespassing and/or biosecurity signage;
- Be observant. Report any suspicious activity, persons and/or vehicles;
- Inform family and staff about visitor protocols;
- Have an emergency plan and ensure family and staff know what to do in an emergency.

### Getting more information:

How would you know if Alberta Milk heard about a potential activist protest in Alberta and needed pass on important information?

Our password protected Members' Only page will always house vital information about any potential incident about activism. Please ensure you are checking the site often as any updates will be posted there.

Does Alberta Milk have your most current email and phone number? In the case of an emergency, Alberta Milk will send an email to all the addresses we have in our system. To update your information, please complete the form on the Members' Only page.



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## Spring Producer Meetings

Spring Producer Meetings are just around the corner. This a great opportunity for you to hear about changes happening in the industry, any policy changes, provincial election update and most importantly, another opportunity for you to provide feedback on the direction of Alberta Milk.

Registration begins at 9:30 am and the meeting will begin at 10 AM and conclude around 3pm. Please watch your mailbox for further details.

**April 9** - Coast Lethbridge Hotel & Conference Center (526 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge)

**April 10** - Red Deer – Black Knight Inn (2929- 50 Avenue, Red Deer)

**April 11** - Westlock – Hazel Bluff Community Hall (AB-18, Westlock County)

**April 12** - Leduc – Executive Royal Inn (8450 Sparrow Drive, Leduc)

## Get in the Loop!

Did you know Alberta Milk sends email updates about events, deadlines, quota changes and policy updates?

Sign up on the Members' Only page or email Karlee Conway at [kconway@albertamilk.com](mailto:kconway@albertamilk.com).