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Chairman's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chairman

The spring is always an important season not only around our farm as we discuss what to plant, but also for Alberta Milk as we take the final steps towards finalizing our business plan. Our business plan is a map that shows us how we will execute our mission and vision.

A key function of any plan is ensuring that everyone is moving in the same direction and working together well. Within Alberta Milk, staff consistently adjust individual work plans to ensure they are helping achieve the goals of the organization.

Moving in the same direction and working together well are also two critical commitments necessary for the other partnerships, committees and working groups Alberta Milk is a part of. For example, the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee (CMSMC) recently completed an assessment on its success at collaborating nationally and fulfilling its mandate. It's vital that we flag any concerns impeding us from achieving our shared objective.

Our western and national partnerships, committees, and working groups have been in place for some time and have served us well because we can achieve more together than anyone one of us could on our own. Their success has relied on each province and pool trusting each other that we will make the best decisions for all 10,500 dairy farmers from coast to coast. We need to leverage our commitment to work together to represent our collective

interests and to ensure the sustainability of our industry. This often means we all need to replace our provincial hats with our national ones to build national consensus.

The Canadian government has created a national working group to cast a vision for the Canadian dairy industry. We are again faced with having to define what success means and trust that each of us will always look beyond provincial lines to see the vision for the country. The concept of a strong P10 requires a commitment to a new mission, vision and strategic plan to address questions such as: would our dairy farmers be better off with a national pool? How do we define what the P10 could be? How would each province have a voice?

I don't claim to know the answers to these questions. However, it reminds me that clear, two-way communication is vital to moving the industry forward. From staff departments at Alberta Milk to national groups, we need to trust each other and always stay focused on the goal. Our success as a dairy industry will increasingly depend on how well we can work together to address common challenges and opportunities. We have more work to do across Canada to grow these relationships. I'm optimistic that we will find our way to optimize our resources. I believe we need to build our trust with each other to be able to work as one united industry to face the upcoming challenges with confidence.

our mission

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Alberta Goes Blue

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

In mid-April, Albertans sent a signal to government that they wanted change. The United Conservative Party Government were elected by majority government with 63 MLAs and earned a remarkable 1,040,004 votes, the highest of any political party in Alberta's history.

Much of the UCP's vote was boosted by significant landslide victories in rural ridings, making rural MLAs a powerful force in the UCP caucus. As rural Alberta went blue, Edmonton stayed orange. As in previous elections, the battle ground was Calgary and it's clear the UCP won that war.

The NDP is now acting as the official opposition. No other party got a seat elected, so we are functioning in a strictly two-party system. This is the first time that has happened since 1913.

Election by the Numbers

Source: DaveBerta.ca

Date of Alberta's 2019 election: April 16, 2019

Date of Alberta's next election: Between

March 1 and May 31, 2023

Total number of votes cast in the 2019 election: 1,894,985

Total number of votes cast in the 2015 election: 1,488,248

District with highest voter turnout: 80.2 per cent in Grande Prairie-Wapiti

District with lowest voter turnout: 45.8 per cent in Calgary-East

Total number of re-elected MLAs: 41

Total number of new MLAs: 46

MLAs in the Government Caucus: 63

MLAs in the Opposition: 24

What does the mean for you?

The UCP campaigned on a few issues relating to farmers. Among many, here are a few main issues they intend on changing:

- Scrapping the Alberta carbon levy.
- Repealing and replacing "Bill 6" (Farm safety legislation introduced by the NDP). Consultations are expected to begin on this

topic shortly. Their focus will be to ensure that the new approach is farmer and business friendly.

- Improving agriculture research facilitation. Consultations are also coming on this topic to ensure that livestock research is driven by farmer-needs and satisfy long-term needs.
- Cutting business taxes from 12 per cent to 8 per cent over four years
- Cutting red tape. There is a new associate minister of red tape reduction. Their entire role is intended to reduce paperwork and increase efficiencies. We can assume that there may be changes in government application processes or execution of policies for your farm.
- To battle the well-funded special interest groups, the UCP plans to execute a communications strategy to promote the truth about our safe, ethical and environmentally responsible farming practices and products.

Alberta Milk is dedicated to support and drive the interests of our dairy farmers throughout the various consultation processes and develop a strong relationship with our new government.

Make your Introduction

It's important that you connect with your new MLA. They have the ability to change policy that affects your business. By letting them know your thoughts on an issue, they are more informed about the potential effects of decision on your operation.

- Call
- Email
- Arrange a meeting
- Attend a local event
- Invite them to your farm for a tour

Find out who your new MLA is at alberta.ca.

Alberta Milk has staff available to support your needs. Contact Karlee Conway at kconway@albertamilk.com or 780-577-3305.

New Agriculture Minister

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

We have a new Minister of Agriculture and Forestry: Devin Dreeshen. He is the MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan-Lake. We have over 30 dairy farms in his riding. The shadow ag minister is Mr. Lorne Dash, MLA for Edmonton-McClung.

Chairman Tom Kootstra attended a reception only days after the election where he was able to get acquainted with MLAs across the province. Representatives from Alberta Milk again met with Dreeshen in January and again in mid-May. The government is focused on

jobs and economy, so we have been clear about communicating the over 17,000 jobs the Alberta dairy industry maintains and our \$2 billions towards the GDP.

We continue to build a strong relationship with him and ensure the needs of Alberta's dairy farmers are heard and acted on. Although the government is export focused, we feel they have a strong understanding about the value of supply management in Alberta.

As Minister, Dreeshen hopes to continue this work, seeking to restore and improve market access for our forestry and agriculture products, and to attract investment in order to bring jobs back to Alberta.



deadlines

quota transfers

June 17, 2019, at
4:30 p.m.

credit transfers

June 24, 2019, at
4:30 p.m.



Alberta SM5 meet with Mr Dreeshen on May 14. Director Miranda Verhoeef and staff member Karlee Conway represented Alberta Milk

Who is Devin Dreeshen?

Source: Government of Alberta



Devin Dreeshen,
new Minister of
Agriculture and
Forestry

Dreeshen is a fifth-generation local farm owner and Albertan. Farming near Pine Lake, he has a long record of community service. He is a director of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association, serves as a board member on the Crossroads Agricultural Society, and as a volunteer at the Pine Lake Country Fair.

He has a wealth of previous experience working on this file during his time in Ottawa where he was a policy advisor to Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz from 2008 to 2015, advocating for Canadian agriculture trade, improved rural infrastructure support, and leading the effort to end the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly. Dreeshen will apply this experience, as well as his own farming history to serve Alberta's agricultural community and ensure that Alberta's farmers continue to make a significant contribution to the provincial economy.

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Summer Agricultural Events

Source: Kelsie Gilks, School and Agriculture Program Coordinator

Breakfast on the Dairy Farm

We are happy that for the second year in a row, all three regions of our province are hosting Breakfast on the Dairy Farm!

- Saturday June 8, 2019- Kingslake Colony, Foremost
- Saturday June 22, 2019- Vanden Broek Dairy, Olds
- Saturday July 6, 2019- New Mars Dairy, Leduc

Breakfast on the Dairy Farm is a free event where local farmers open their farm gates to welcome the public for a hot and healthy breakfast. Farm tours and fun activities for the whole family are offered all throughout the morning, with local farmers on hand to answer any consumer questions. Local government officials are also invited to attend the annual event.

Breakfast on the Dairy Farm started in Olds in 2013 and since then has grown to be offered in all three regions of the province. Since the inaugural event, over 5,800 people have enjoyed the on farm hospitality of our Alberta farmers.

Thank you to the families who have graciously opened their farm, and to all of the volunteers and sponsors who have made this event possible throughout the years.

For more details, including specific directions to each farm, please visit our website, albertamilk.com. Please help spread the word of these fantastic events, and if you're free, we'd love to see you there!

YAHOO! Stampede is almost here!

Calgary Stampede is one of our biggest annual agriculture education events. We work to educate consumers about the Canadian dairy industry and about where their milk comes from, and what's better than that messaging coming from local farmers! One of the key

components to the Journey of Milk booth is the farmers. We're fortunate to have farmers interested in participating in these events and as a result, Stampede 2019 is full.

Our Journey of Milk exhibit travels across the province, providing an interactive experience for children and adults to learn about dairy farming and the journey that their milk takes to get to them. The Journey of Milk booth annually attends Aggie Days in both Calgary and Lethbridge, Amazing Agriculture in Edmonton, Calgary Stampede, and new in 2019, the Camrose Bull Congress.

If you or someone in your family is interested in volunteering at one of the above mentioned events in 2020, please reach out to Kelsie Gilks, school and agriculture program coordinator kgilks@albertamilk.com or 780.577.3327 to be added to the list.

Farm Tours

We know it can be a lot of work to provide tours to the public, or to school groups that reach out to you. We're here to help! If you're hosting a group on your farm, we are happy to provide small promotional items and information for those attending your farm. We also know that biosecurity is important for the health of your animals and farm, therefore if you are interested, we will provide you with either disposable plastic booties or the materials for a Virkon boot mat.

Please provide 2-3 weeks notice of tours to allow for delivery of your items. To request items for your upcoming tour(s), please contact Kelsie Gilks kgilks@albertamilk.com or 780.577.3327 or Jaime Elias at jelias@albertamilk.com or 780.577.3304.



Summer Sponsorships and Activations

Source: Charmaine Blatz, Sponsorship and Event Coordinator

With the warmer weather upon us, we are busy getting ready for some great promotions and sponsorships taking place over the summer. In all our promotional activities, Alberta Milk works with Dairy Farmers of Canada to align our marketing and messaging. It's important to have a consistent brand and approach to promoting dairy products. We want to create experiences that elevate the perception of quality Canadian milk.

Promotions

Our promotions team will be on site at many events with engaging activities to get people interacting with milk!

We have two promotional campaigns running this summer:

- Due the success of our High Fiver promotional experience last year, we are running it again this year. The High Fiver allows participants to high five a series of plastic hands at the finish line after a great run. It's a great opportunity to get people talking, laughing and welcoming dairy into their celebration of finishing a race.

- The other is a fun foam finger that helps remind athletes to recharge with milk after they receive their complimentary single serving of milk. This is a more effective way to connect with younger audiences and remind consumers to recharge with milk.

At every event, chocolate milk is available for all participants.

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

- ASAA Track and Field Championships, Calgary – June 7 -8
- MEC Race, Calgary – June 15
- Banff Marathon, – June 16
- Canada Day Festival, Sherwood Park – July 1
- Stampede Road Race, Calgary – July 7
- Mud Hero, Red Deer – August 10 - 11
- Edmonton Marathon – Aug 17 – 18
- Kaleido Family Arts Festival, Edmonton – Sep 13 - 15

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



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Want to Help Improve Cattle Longevity?

Source: University of Calgary

The University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) is pleased to inform you about an opportunity to participate in our study looking at dairy cattle longevity. This Alberta Milk supported study will investigate which cow level factors related to rearing, production, reproduction, and health are key in determining a cow's longevity.

To do this, we are looking for producers that:

- Have had DHI and DairyComp for the past 10 years
- Use one of these two systems to record the majority of incidences of abortions, displaced abomasum, ketosis, lameness, mastitis, metritis, milk fever, retained placenta, pneumonia, and scours
- Are willing to grant us access to this information

Participation is simple and only requires signing a consent form and filling out a Data Release Form. The information provided would be made anonymous in no way would anyone be able to identify the farm the data came from.

This information will then be used to develop a different way of measuring longevity that will help producers make management changes to improve longevity in their herd. This will be presented to producers via focus groups held in the spring/summer. Producers who chose to participate in this research will be kept informed on the results of this study directly from the research team as well as being invited to provide feedback during these focus groups.

If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please contact Jesse Schuster at 403-220-7490 or email jcschust@ucalgary.ca.

What Can Young People do to Start a Farm Transition Discussion?

Source: This Ag Knowledge article was originally published by Farm Credit Canada.

Do your homework.

Succession should be defined as the continuation, not transfer, of a family farm business. This continuation requires a process over time of joint active roles and participation by both generations.

Words are important – do you want to be an agricultural entrepreneur and become an owner or manager of an agricultural business?

Do you have the personality, skills, and most importantly the passion to become one? Do you understand that agriculture is an equity game and not an income game?

Talk to other young farmers, discuss these challenges and then make your decision. Remember, don't ask what the business can do for you, but rather what you can do for the business.

The senior partners must – and I mean must – propose the opportunity with distinct expectations and results. The junior generation has to then mold those guidelines of the proposal into a plan.

If you simply are involved in your parent's plan, you will remain an employee. How about long-term clarity and security?

Whatever equity remains in the business won't form part of personal wealth on the parents' death. Agricultural businesses can't afford to buy a tractor twice.

Why is family farm succession sometimes so difficult? Because it's so important!

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New Producer-Only Website

Source: Kelly Mauthe and Karlee Conway, Alberta Milk

This summer, Alberta Milk will be launching our new Milk Management System (MMS) which includes a new producer only website. This new site will replace the old one and can still be found in the top right corner of albertamilk.com. It is compatible with all your mobile devices.

The new producer site will provide new features while including the same functions as the old one. We invested in the new site as the current site is aging and restrictive for some activities. We are confident that this new MMS will make your interaction with Alberta Milk easier, more efficient and less time consuming.

New Features

- Quota history
- Quota calculator
- Pickup history – kgs shipped calculated
- Document manager – pay statements and more
- Customer service ticket – communicate with AB Milk staff
- Customizable producer milk quality notifications

A key new feature will be the ability to submit quota bids and offers online. This will eliminate the need for faxing and create an easier way to move quota with a few clicks of a mouse.

Features from old site will not be removed including:

- Producer notifications (What's new)
- Credit bulletin board
- Milk test results

How do I use the site?

The new website is very user friendly and was built to be intuitive for users. Alberta Milk will provide all the necessary information to help you learn how to navigate it. We will provide a handbook as well as short videos that will illustrate how to quickly learn all the features of the site. Staff will also be available to answer questions as you transition.

Login

Your old username and password will not work on the new site. Your unique temporary password will be mailed to you in your pay statement and you will then be prompted to update your password from the temporary one provided.

Due to the new features on your website such as the ability to buy and sell quota on the exchange, you need to treat your username and password just as secure as your banking password.

As sharing your login information is very discouraged, the new site will provide you with the opportunity to create sub-accounts for other people that may require access to your account. You can create as many sub-accounts as you wish and can assign as little or as much access as you want.

This MMS is a partnership between Alberta Milk, BC Milk and Dairy Farmers of Manitoba.

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Canada's Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle to be Updated

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Canadian dairy farmers have always been committed to providing excellent care for their cattle. For this reason, Dairy Farmers of Canada initiated, in January of 2019, a regular update to the 2009 Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle. The update will be guided by the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC).

Canada's Codes of Practice are valuable mechanisms within the industry because they set the guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals. They reflect our national understanding of animal care requirements, current science, and recommended practices, and serve as educational tools, as reference materials for regulations, and as the foundation for farm animal care assessment programs.

The update process includes both a Scientific Committee and a Code Development Committee. The Scientific Committee reviews current science on priority animal welfare issues and the resulting report provides valuable information to the Code Development Committee. As the Scientific Committee's report will be made public, the transparency and credibility of the Code process and the recommendations within are enhanced. In April 2019, a survey was conducted as part of the Code development process. The survey attempted to capture top-of-mind welfare topics from all stakeholders, including farmers. The input received will help the Code Development Committee understand the top elements of animal welfare people wish to see considered in the update. The development process can take two to three years from start to finish.

Once the Code Development Committee has a draft, it is posted for a 60-day public comment period. The Code Development Committee considers the feedback and works on the final version of the Code. This final version will be submitted to NFACC, published by DFC and NFACC, and the dairy sector will take on the implementation process. This is anticipated for the fall of 2021.

"We are looking forward to updating our Code of Practice to reflect the most recent science and best farm practices. Farmers continue to demonstrate their commitment for animal care through proAction®, our quality assurance program," says Pierre Lampron, President of Dairy Farmers of Canada.

Learn more about the process at nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/dairy-cattle

DFC initiative revision process	January 2019
NFACC survey stakeholders	April 2019
Scientific and Code Development Committee are named	April 2019
Development of Code	2019-2021
Public consultation on the new draft Code	Oct 2020 to Jan 2021
Publication of the Code	Fall 2021

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proAction® - Biosecurity Module FAQ's

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction® Coordinator

Previous *MilkingTimes* articles have outlined the proAction® Biosecurity Module requirements, which will become effective September 1, 2019. This article will clarify the module's most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

Why should I care about Biosecurity?

Biosecurity is a preventative approach to herd health that reduces your herd's risk to contracting and/or spreading disease. Implementing biosecurity strategies reduces production losses and decreases treatment costs.

How do I complete the Biosecurity Risk Assessment Questionnaire (RAQ)?

The RAQ is to be completed in direct consultation with you and your herd veterinarian prior to your validation every two years.

A fully completed (every question answered) and signed (by you and your veterinarian) RAQ must be available at the time of your validation. If not, a MAJOR non-conformance will be given.

If certain questions do not pertain to your farm scenario, rather than leaving them blank, simply mark them as not applicable (N/A). An incomplete RAQ will result in a MAJOR or MINOR non-conformance, depending on the number of questions unanswered.

Why is disease recording important for this module?

Recording cow and calf disease events is a useful tool that can be used to assess herd management strategies, improve biosecurity efficacy and enhance food safety. Reviewing these records regularly with your veterinarian creates a complete picture of your herd's performance and is critical for management decisions such as monitoring the effectiveness of farm protocols such as your colostrum management and vaccination program.

What disease events do I need to record?

At a minimum, you must record these disease events:

1. Cows - abortion, lameness, mastitis, diarrhea, pneumonia, death
2. Calves - diarrhea, pneumonia, death

Do I only need to record diseases I have treated?

No. All disease events (treated and untreated) must be recorded. Events such as viral diarrhea may go through the barn, not requiring traditional treatment, however will likely still impact the animal. Access to both treated and untreated health records are very important tools when managing your herd's future.

At the time of validation, DEMERITS will be assigned if you are:

1. Only recording treated disease events (*five*)
2. Recording disease events for only one group of animals (cows and not calves) (*four*)
3. Are periodically missing disease events (*two*)

Note: Validation approval allows for only three DEMERITS.

What is the difference between the production area and production unit?

The *production area* is defined as where the animals are housed. This includes the calf barn, dry lot and where the lactating cows are. The *production unit* is the barn, in its entirety (including the milkhouse).

Does it matter where my Biosecurity sign is located?

Yes. Dairy farms are relatively open environments and thus require active control of all types of visitors. Therefore, signage needs to be clearly visible at the main parking lot. If not, signs must be on every access point/door.

Should you have any questions about the proAction Biosecurity Module, please contact Morgan Hobin at 780-577-3318 or mhobin@albertamilk.com.



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Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions April 2019

	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	4,025.00
Discarded	0.00	639.24
WMP	58,545.38	158,107.74
Interest	18,872.66	60.97
Metering	61,527.96	0.00
Trucking	0.00	0.00
Violations	49,082.95	0.00
Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids		(\$0.0028)

Average Milk Prices

Month	TPQ \$/hL
Apr 2019	80.24
Mar	82.72
Feb	82.75
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

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

Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) May 2019

Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	7.5036	4.8047	0.6484
Class 5b	7.5036	2.3082	2.3082
Class 5c	7.1716	1.9323	1.9323
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

2018-19 Quota Exchange and Credit Deadlines

Quota Transfer Deadline Date	Credit Transfer Deadline Date	Effective Date
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

Provincial Average Components April 2019

Butterfat	4.1482 kg/hl
Protein	3.2083 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.9058 kg/hl

Provincial Milk Quality Averages

Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
Apr. 2019	19,346	195,208



Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
June 2019	35.00	\$41,815
May	96.10	\$40,100
Apr	135.01	\$39,305
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

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
May 2019	93,677.04	\$9.34
Apr	102,077.01	\$8.88
Mar	81,185.02	\$8.41
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

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	March	April	May	June	July
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
Alberta					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	92,992	92,961	93,022	92,659	91,844
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	93,935	85,790	89,026	96,373	93,910
Producer Quota (kg/day)	93,589	93,274	93,274	93,274	93,274
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	93,589	93,274	93,274	93,274	93,274
Cumulative Position (%)	-2.14%	-1.50%	-1.13%	-1.45%	-1.64%
Producer Position (Days)	-2.85	-3.00	-3.11	-3.35	-3.86
Provincial Position (Days)	-7.66	-5.88	-4.28	-5.11	-5.92
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Western Milk Pool					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	272,332	269,006	266,702	264,061	261,146
Pool Quota (kg/day)	247,677	243,756	252,952	273,827	266,828
Cumulative Position (%)*	-1.33%	-0.39%	0.06%	-0.25%	-0.43%
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0

*The P10 pool's limits on production are +1.25% and -2.00% of the P10 rolling 12-month quota.





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Alberta Production and Quota Update

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Production

Daily average production in April was 2.24 million litres, an increase of 24,111 litres (+1.09 per cent) over March. Average butterfat density is on a seasonal decline trend from now until July and thus fell by 1.11 per cent in April from March. Although daily average production is now on the rise in terms of litres, the seasonally declining butterfat density trend is countering to provide a more-or-less flat forecast for our daily butterfat production.

Comparing on annual basis, there was +2.23 per cent growth in volume in the 12-month period ending April 2019 over the 12-month period ending April 2018; and +3.59 per cent growth in butterfat production for same period.

Quota

The WMP's rolling 12-month quota increased by 0.22 per cent in March over February. Alberta's daily producer quota issuance rate slightly decreased from 101.72 per cent in February to 101.54 per cent in March 2019.

Provincial and Pools' Quota Utilization

Cumulative Quota Positions (CQP) as at the end of March 2019 were as follows:

MB	SK	AB	BC	WMP	P5	P10
-2.84	0.71	-2.14	-0.09	-1.18	-0.32	-0.58

The WMP over-produced its monthly CDC quota allotment by 137,681 kilograms of butterfat in March 2019. This over-production is in accordance with the seasonal trend.

2019 New Entrant Assistance Program

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Alberta Milk received four applications for the New Entrant Assistance Program (NEAP) in 2019 and on May 7, 2019, the Selection Committee met and interviewed all four applicants.

The five-member Selection Committee was made up of three new members, Mark Dueck of Farm Credit Canada, Aaron Ens of Scotia Bank, Pete Houweling of Houweling Farms Ltd., and two returning members Lenard Crozier of Cheslen Dairies Ltd. and Dr. Gordon Atkins from University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine. Jonathan Ntoni, Alberta Milk's Policy Analyst, chaired and acted as a facilitator for the discussions.

After a thorough review of the applications and the in-person interviews, the Selection Committee unanimously decided to admit one of the applicants as a successful New Entrant 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 Bartels Dairy, Jarnick and Lotte Bartels of Red Deer County to the Alberta dairy farming community as the successful New Entrants in 2019.

They presented viable business plan, 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 farm in the next few months. We would also like to thank the Committee members for their work in reviewing the applications.



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