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IAMCA 83rd Annual Conference

Source: Mike Southwood, General Manager

The 83rd International Association of Milk Control Agencies (IAMCA) Annual Conference was hosted by the Colorado Milk Marketing Board in Golden, Colorado from August 12-14, 2019.

The IAMCA organization's mandate is to promote effective, efficient and improved administration of milk regulators in North America. The annual conference provides a forum for the IAMCA membership to learn about key issues facing the dairy industry in Canada and the United States. As I am retiring in November, I was reflecting on our involvement in IAMCA. Alberta Milk assumed the membership in IAMCA in 2002 from the Alberta Dairy Control Board. In short, IAMCA has been one of the most beneficial organizations that we have been involved in.

Excluding the political issues of trade, we have a lot in common with our US counterparts. The issues being dealt with in the US are similar to those in Canada and sharing ideas and approaches has added great value to our involvement. The benefits of the networks and having close contacts within the USA is immeasurable as we discuss topics such as raw milk sales, promotion, implementation of on-farm programs, economics of dairy production, global markets and sustainability to list just a few of the topics. We have had speakers from many of the major processors and from around the world. As an example, at this year's conference we had speakers from Canada, USA, Mexico and Ireland.

As always, the speakers covered a diverse number of topics that included a profile of dairy industry in both Canada and the United States, global economic trends, dealing with activists, and for the first time, a speaker from Mexico provided an overview of the Mexican dairy industry. The Mexican market is 16,129 million litres of milk of which 74.5 per cent or 12,008 million litres is produced domestically and the balance 24.5 per cent is imported. Ninety-six percent of the milk production is from farms with less than 100 cows. One of the largest processors – Liconsá – is state owned and supplies milk to low income consumers. Issues facing the Mexican industry are similar to those in Canada and the US. Consumption of fluid milk is decreasing, cream, cheeses and butter consumption are the growth markets. The fluid market is challenged by replacement/substitute products. The four key challenges for the Mexican industry are: filling their own market with domestic production, increase per capita consumption of dairy products, increase exports especially to South America as they see that as a natural market for Mexico, and changing policies, and program under the newly elected federal government.

The 2019 IAMCA Conference once again provided a great forum for the exchange of information and ideas, as well as networking opportunities between the stakeholders in Canada and the US and this year with Mexico.

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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Join us at the AGM and Dairy Conference

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Join us on November 19-21 for Alberta Milk's Annual General Meeting and Dairy Conference at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton.

AGM

November 19, 11 AM-5:30 PM, resumes

November 21, 9 AM-noon

If you haven't attended before, why not try it this year? These events are some of the foundational occasions that help ensure that you have your say on the direction of Alberta Milk. Come hear policy discussion, budget review, business plan overview and presentations from Lactanet, other provincial board members, and Dairy Farmers of Canada. The AGM is closed for farmers only.

Dairy Conference

November 20 - 9AM-5PM

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead

As our industry continues to evolve, we have the choice to change with it or be left behind. Societal pressures will aid in dictating the direction we may go. We're not alone in this journey. We need to understand our friends and equally understand our foes to own our future and set our own path. Let's change our traditional way of thinking and make smart changes and choices to build our industry stronger everyday.

As always, Provincial Milk Quality Award winner will be announced, as well as the ASAA Alberta Milk Scholarship recipients. The evening will highlight outgoing directors, Recognition of Outgoing Directors Dairy Industry Achievement Award and followed by entertainment.

Registration

You can easily register online through the Members' Only site or at albertamilk.com. This year, you will need to create an account prior to registering. Further information can be found in your registration packages that will be mailed out in late August. For questions, please contact Kim at 780-577-3325.

NEW THIS YEAR: Dealing with the Challenges Associated with Animal Rights Activism Workshop

With the increasing activity from those who promote animal rights ideology, it's vital that we all take the safety of our animals, family and farm seriously. Across Canada and in our own province, we're seeing more and more extreme actions, like coming on to farm, protesting, gathering undercover footage and crashing public on-farm events.

Join us from 9-11AM before the commencement of the AGM to see how you can better protect your farm by implementing simple measures, as well as knowing exactly what to do if someone uninvited were to try to exploit your farm. Additionally, we'll be addressing how to manage online trolls that don't support dairy farming. Come hear an expert in activist management share manageable takeaways and tips for any type of situation.

Registration

This is a closed session for farmers only. You can register for this workshop during your registration for the AGM and dairy conference at albertamilk.com under additional dairy farmer events section. You are also able to just attend this workshop if you do not want to join us for the AGM and conference.

For more information, please contact Karlee Conway at 780-577-3305 or kconway@albertamilk.com.

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Inaugural Charity Auction

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

This year during the banquet on November 20 after the dairy conference at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton, we will be hosting a silent charity auction. The auction will be in memory of Pieter Ijff. Pieter was a dairy farmer, friend, leader, and board member for Alberta Milk. He tragically suffered a heart attack while working on his dairy farm near Red Deer on January 3, 2019. All proceeds will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Please come be a part of this important event and give back to a lifesaving charity. If you would like to be part of this important occasion by donating an auction item, please contact Charmaine Blatz at 780-577-3328.

About Pieter

Pieter touched the lives of so many with his sincere and genuine character. He earned the respect of others with ease and was polite to all who crossed his path.

Farming was Pieter's lifelong commitment. Growing up in the Netherlands was where he found his passion for agriculture and farming. It was there he met his wife Jacqueline and had two sons, Rob and Erik.

In 1997, they family moved to Innisfail along with Pieter's parents and started Yff Dairy. In 1998, Michael was born, completing the family.

The iconic dairy cow and Yff farm sign is clearly visible from Highway 2 and reminds us of the legacy he leaves behind.

Now Accepting Nominations

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Alberta Milk is now accepting applications for the Dairy Industry Achievement Award (DIAA) and the Recognition of Service Award (ROSA). Deadline to submit a nomination is October 1.

DIAA

The DIAA celebrates individuals or organizations who have distinguished themselves through their substantial contributions to the leadership and development of Alberta's dairy industry. Through the Award, Alberta Milk seeks to convey the respect that Alberta's dairy producers hold for the people and organizations that help sustain and grow our industry.

ROSA

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.

Nomination Process

Simply download and complete the appropriate form on the Members' Only page or albertamilk.com and email back to kconway@albertamilk.com.

Deadlines

October 1 at 4:30PM is when you need to have all your fully completed nomination forms in on. If you need assistance with any historical information, you need to inquire to Alberta Milk no later than September 14.



deadlines

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Sep 16, 2019, at
4:30 p.m.

credit transfers

Sep 23, 2019, at
4:30 p.m.

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Government of Canada Announces Mitigation for Dairy Farmers

Source: Government of Canada

Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau visited a dairy farm in Compton, where she announced that the federal government will make available \$1.75 billion over eight years to Canada's nearly 11,000 dairy farmers.

Of this amount, \$345 million will be paid in the first year, in the form of direct payments and will benefit all dairy producers in proportion to their quota held. For example, the owner of a farm with 80 dairy cows will be awarded compensation in the form of a direct payment of \$28,000 in the first year.

The intent is to mandate the Canadian Dairy Commission to make these payments. The federal government will continue to work with the Dairy Farmers of Canada to determine terms and conditions for future years.

This announcement follows ratification of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). The \$1.75 billion made available would be in addition to the \$250 million investment program that already benefits more than 3,300 dairy producers across the country. This amounts to a total of \$2 billion in federal support to dairy producers. In addition, the federal government is committed to fully and fairly supporting dairy producers for the new free trade agreement with the United States and Mexico once it comes into force.

Minister Bibeau also reiterated the government's commitment to the other supply-managed sector.

Alberta Milk will communicate any further details of this program as they become available.

New Member's Only Site

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Weeks after launching, it looks like most of you have logged into the new Members' Only site. We hope that everyone is playing around on the site and learning how to use all of the new features and functions. Thank you for your patience as we work through some of the bumps of launching such a large site.

These are some issues we're hearing

The site is slow.

We agree. We're working with the developers to improve the performance of the site. Please be patient as we work to get the site moving faster.

Where are my old pay statements?

They are on the old MO page. Please download them now as the old page will be deactivated.

Can I change my username?

No. You can change your password, but you can't change your username.

There is a glitch or bug.

Thank you for reporting anything that isn't quiet right. This is the first time we've launched a new site like this in many years, so we anticipated to run across a few bugs. We're working with our developer to ensure that everything is where it needs to be. Please continue to report anything that's not working correctly and we'll get it fixed.

Where can I find forms, quota results/values and future deadlines?

This is no longer housed on the Members' Only Site. You can find it at <https://albertamilk.com/for-industry/quota-milk-production/> or go to albertamilk.com, go to the "For Industry" tab at the top and select the "Quota and Milk Production" box.

Learning to use the site

Don't forget there are resources available to help you learn the different functions of the site.

- Members' Only Manual. You can find this on both the new and old site.
- How-to videos also on both the new and old site.
- Email: quota@albertamilk.com
- Call: 1-877-361-1231

Milk Production in Alberta in 2018

Source: Pauline Van Biert, Government of Alberta

With thanks to the participating dairy farmers on the annual dairy cost study, the *Economics of Milk Production, 2018* is now complete. The aggregated information of all participants is compiled, resulting in this Alberta benchmark report for farmers to use as a reference to compare to their own performance levels and for those interested in the dairy industry in Alberta.

In summary, in 2018, the cost of producing a hectoliter (100 litres) of milk was \$79.82. This was an increase of about six per cent from 2017. The reason for this increase was mainly due to the high cost of feed. The price for dairy hay was at an unprecedented high due to availability, quality and a competitive marketplace. Farmers looked for other feed sources and subsequently pushed up the price of silage and greenfeed. Feeding one cow for a year is almost \$3,400. Feed alone makes up just over 40 per cent of the total cost of production. Dairy farmers grow about 67 per cent of their own roughage (hay, silage) and only 14 per cent of their grains (barley, wheat, oats).

Other factors leading to the higher cost of production in 2018 were: the increase in the cost of electricity (farm use), the added fee for inter-provincial milk hauling (effective Sept. 1, 2018), and the increased cost of bedding due to sawdust being hard to source, especially in the North region.

The 2018 Dairy Cost Study also found:

- There was an increase in labour hours by family members. The agriculture labour market is still tight but there seems to be a trend of more family members staying at or returning to the farm.
- Herd size has increased and average milk production per cow reaches an all-time high.
- Investment per cow remains stable. Even though there is some uncertainty due to the world trade environment and the effect on the dairy industry, there is still investment in buildings and technology to maximize efficiencies both in hours of labour and cow health, comfort and productivity.

- Return to equity (gross income less total production cost) decreased significantly as costs increased and the price farmers received for their milk remained mostly unchanged.
- Demand for milk remained high throughout 2018 and remains positive. Even though there are less producers in Alberta (509 at the end of 2018), the industry has been successful in supplying the demand for milk production.

Read *The Economics of Milk Production, 2018* available on the Alberta Milk website under Milk Prices and Production. For more information or a printed copy of the study, contact Pauline Van Biert at 780-415-2153 or pauline.vanbiert@gov.ab.ca. Copies will also be available at the fall meetings.



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2019-20 Business Plan Summary

Executive Summary

Alberta Milk's Business Plan captures the strategic priorities that outline the three-year focus for Alberta Milk and sets the strategies we will focus on to achieve our goals in this fiscal year. Alberta Milk's Board of Directors, committees and staff have worked together to clearly direct the course for 2019-20. The plan has defined outcomes, targets, measurements and accountabilities for the strategic and operational activities.

Vision and Mission

Vision: Growing a sustainable dairy industry by being a trusted source of quality milk.

Mission: Alberta Milk partners with industry stakeholders to ensure a growing, sustainable and market focused industry based on an effective supply management system.

Alberta Milk is committed to working with all industry partners and stakeholders to develop strategies aimed at reaching our vision and living our mission that focuses on a sustainable, growing dairy industry.

Improving Sustainability – pursuing a sustainable future and includes economic, social and environmental.

Fostering Growth – preserving the market for Canadian dairy products and finding new opportunities to increase the consumption and use of dairy products and ingredients by processors/further processors and consumers.

Key Success Indicators

- Strong stakeholder support for supply management.
- Strong public trust for the dairy industry.
- A growing, sustainable dairy industry.
- Effectively leveraging relationships in addressing mutual interests.
- Identified strategies are developed and executed as a western region.

Strategic Priorities

Based on a thorough environmental scan of the issues facing and opportunities for the dairy industry Alberta Milk has developed the following four strategic priorities.

1. We will effectively advocate for the dairy industry.
2. We will be a trusted partner working with other dairy industry organizations and agriculture groups on common concerns and opportunities.
3. We will encourage industry investment to stimulate sustainable growth.
4. We will ensure effective and efficient operations and maintain the regulatory environment that meets the needs of our members.

Alberta Milk is a trusted organization by building strong governance through engagement, knowledge and leadership of delegates, Board members and management.

Goals

These six goals are the basis for the development of more specific and measurable Key Result Areas (KRA) and strategies. The strategies are then broken down into smaller objectives or tasks. The goals set out in this plan serve as Alberta Milk's purpose—to help dairy producers in the province protect and grow a vital, sustainable and prosperous industry.

Goal 1: Ensure an adequate supply of raw milk is produced to meet processor and consumer demand for dairy products within a supply management system.

KRA 1. Administer regulations for the production and marketing of raw milk in Alberta as defined under the national plan, agreements and the Alberta Milk Marketing Regulation.

Strategies:

- A. Represent Alberta's dairy producers nationally in the development of policies impacting the Canadian dairy industry.
- B. Develop, evaluate and execute policy decisions as a western region.

KRA 2. Support supply management through an effective dairy quota, processor allocation and transportation system at the provincial and regional level.

Strategies:

- A. Develop, implement and support producer-level quota management policies, processor milk allocation policies and regulations to ensure raw milk production and deliveries meet market demand.
- B. Develop and administer policies and regulations for the coordination of the efficient transportation of raw milk.

Goal 2: We will be a trusted partner working with other dairy industry organizations and agriculture groups on common concerns and opportunities.

KRA 1. Strengthen our relationships within the dairy and agriculture industry that will enhance the sustainability of supply management.

Strategies:

- A. Work with DFC for a stronger and more unified Canadian dairy industry.
- B. Strengthen our relationships with the other industry partners regionally, provincially and nationally.
- C. Ensure the processing sector, as a major partner in our industry, is engaged in the development of policies and initiatives that impact them.
- D. Forge partnerships with all levels of government to advance the dairy industry in Alberta.

KRA 2. Promote the welfare and health of dairy cattle.

Strategies:

- A. Promote the humane treatment of dairy cattle in Alberta.
- B. Work with other stakeholders to address animal health issues that could adversely affect the Alberta dairy sector.

KRA 3. Promote sustainable environmental practices.

Strategies:

- A. Encourage the adoption of environmentally sustainable agricultural practices and environmental regulations impacting agricultural operations.

KRA 4. Implement milk quality, milk component and milk measurement policies and programs.

Strategies:

- A. Manage and maintain an efficient, effective and accurate milk measurement and sample testing program.
- B. Administer and manage milk quality programs to ensure all producers meet the defined standards to enhance milk quality for processors.
- C. Administer policies and programs to confirm and maintain the accurate measurement of milk.

KRA 5. Work with DFC and provincial organizations to design, deliver and implement proAction®.

Strategies:

- A. Support the implementation of proAction by assisting producers to maintain and validate their registration.
- B. Participate in the national proAction Committee to provide producer input and direction as needed.
- C. Participate in the design of the proAction modules.

Goal 3: Encourage dairy product consumption.

KRA 1. Support continued milk consumption by Albertans.

Strategies:

- A. Implement programs that encourage current and future consumption of dairy products.

KRA 2. Expand the dairy industry through the development, adoption and introduction of new products, markets and technologies.

Strategies:

- A. Collaborate with multiple stakeholders to stimulate new product development, including dairy as an ingredient.

Goal 4: Promote dairy production research.

KRA 1. Support dairy research that benefits dairy producers.

Strategies:

- A. Cooperate with researchers in developing projects that enhance on-farm production and maximize our research contributions by leveraging other funding sources.
- B. Coordinate research with projects that have a national or regional scope.



Help Promote the Logo!

If you or someone you know would like to support Alberta Milk and promote the Dairy Farmers of Canada Quality Milk logo, we want to help! We have vinyl stickers of both the Alberta Milk logo as well as the DFC Quality Milk logo. They can be stuck to almost anything you wish- barn door, car bumper, tracker bumpers, etc.

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Goal 5: Responsible governance and management of our resources.

KRA 1. Administer and enforce Alberta Milk regulations, directives and policies.

Strategies:

A. Implement and enforce the Alberta Milk Plan Regulation, Alberta Milk Marketing Regulation and other regulations, directives and policies.

KRA 2. Ensure the optimal, effective and efficient use and management of resources.

Strategies:

- A. Develop and monitor budgets, business plans and individual work plans to allocate resources to facilitate achieving our vision and mission.
- B. The Board of Directors and delegates provide leadership in the management of our regulations, directives, policies and resources.

KRA 3. Ensure all producers share equitably in market returns in accordance with Board policies, procedures and agreements.

Strategies:

- A. Calculate producer payment through price equalization pooling in accordance with the Alberta Milk Marketing Regulation, Board directives, policies and agreements.
- B. Audit all plants to ensure accuracy of processor billing and producer payment and communicate audit findings with recommendations for any corrective actions.

Goal 6: Communicate effectively with the public, farmers, and stakeholders.

KRA 1. Earn consumer trust in the dairy sector.

Strategies:

- A. Participate in events, programs and sponsorships that educate the public about the dairy industry.
- B. Communicate positive dairy stories.
- C. Manage public relations issues management

KRA 2. Communicate effectively with farmers and stakeholders.

Strategies:

- A. Ensure Alberta dairy farmers receive timely communication, education and extension information.
- B. Provide regular communication to industry service providers.
- C. Design and deliver knowledge translation and transfer activities to improve adoption of research results by producers.

Westerner Dairy Showcase Speaker Announcement

Source: Westerner Park Dairy Show Committee

Westerner Park is proud to produce the Westerner Dairy Showcase, in partnership with the dedicated committee of producers and industry leaders. It is the vision of the planning committee to create a place for industry members to showcase the best in the industry and to provide opportunities for industry updates and education. In addition to the dairy show, we are pleased to announce our 2019 Speaker Sessions, taking place at 1:00PM on Friday, October 18th, at the show grounds and brought to you by Nutrisource. Ice Cream Social and Jersey Show to follow presentations.

Morgan Sangster, Western Canada Field Service Representative, Holstein Canada

Morgan will highlight “Compass”, a free genetic management software that gives producers exclusive access to the most up-to-date genetic information. Compass suggests actions based on your breeding strategy to guide you towards the highest return on investment.

Daniel Lefebvre, Chief Operations Officer, Lactanet, Jan Rodenburg, Regional Sales & Service Manager, Lactanet

Daniel and Jan will highlight the new Lactanet partnership and what it means for dairy farmers; leveraging the combined Lactanet synergies of herd management and genetic evaluations. They will also discuss how the organization is adapting to the increased prevalence of on-farm technology and investing in opportunities to meet the evolving needs of an increasingly digital dairy industry.

Please join us in welcoming our 2019 Speakers! We look forward to seeing all of you on Friday, October 18th.

Voluntary Settlement Payments After August 1, 2019 for Underproduction Credit Transfers

Source: Cristin Vollrath, Pooling Coordinator

Effective August 1, 2019, to accommodate the underproduction credit transfer policy change, any underproduction credit transfers facilitated through the voluntary settlement option will be netted off or included in the current month advance pay instead of the previous months final pay deposit. As an example: Any underproduction credits transferred on August 1, 2019 using the voluntary settlement option would see payment for those credits as part of their regular advance pay on the last business day of August.

Alberta Milk would like to remind producers in order to approve the voluntary settlement request both the seller and buyer must initial the box immediately located under the total on the Application to Transfer Underproduction Credits form.

Here is a list of upcoming quota deadlines and voluntary settlement payment dates:

2019 Transfer Dates	Quota Exchange Deadline 4:30 pm	Credit Transfer Deadline 4:30 pm	Payment Date for Voluntary Settlement Credit Transfers
Sep. 1, 2019	Aug. 16, 2019	Sep. 23, 2019	Sep. 30, 2019
Oct. 1, 2019	Sep. 16, 2019	Oct. 24, 2019	Oct. 31, 2019
Nov. 1, 2019	Oct. 17, 2019	Nov. 25, 2019	Nov. 29, 2019
Dec. 1, 2019	Nov. 18, 2019	Dec. 23, 2019	Dec. 31, 2019

Dairy Farm Hosts Needed – U of A Mini-Internships

Source: Mike Slomp, Industry and Member Services Manager

For the past three years, the University of Alberta (U of A) has placed undergraduate students enrolled in the Agriculture and Animal Health programs on three-day mini-internships on Alberta farms, including dairy farms. The U of A has provided on-farm experiences on 178 student placements. The main purpose of this program is to give students the opportunity to get hands-on experience so that they are more likely to consider careers in animal agriculture.

We are currently seeking dairy farm host sites in Alberta. Here are the details:

- a.) The specific dates for the three-day mini-internships are:
 - Fall program: November 13 to 15, 2019.
 - Winter program: February 18 to 20, 2020.
- b.) Students commit to the following:
 - Available as volunteers and are not paid for their work.
 - Will work eight hours on each of these days.
 - Must respect farm biosecurity protocols and use the U of A-issued boots and one pair of coveralls.
 - Will not bring phones or cameras onto the farms.
 - Agree to be placed in pairs on a farm to facilitate travel and accommodations. Funds are available to cover student mileage and accommodation for farms that are distant to Edmonton.

Alberta Milk has developed guidelines for potential host farms and hopes to have the fall site placements approved early in the fall.

If you are interested in being a host farm, or if you would like more information, please contact Mike Slomp at 780-577-3316 or email mslomp@albertamilk.com.



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Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions July 2019		
	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	2,100.00
Discarded	0.00	22,074.78
WMP	143,829.50	246,779.37
Interest	18,527.65	82.02
Metering	56,831.29	0.00
Trucking	0.00	1,150.00
Violations	39,689.62	0.00
Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids		(\$0.0014)

Average Milk Prices	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
July 2019	79.50
June	79.99
May	80.07
Apr	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

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

Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) September 2019			
Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	7.7573	6.9410	0.4878
Class 5b	7.7573	2.4920	2.4920
Class 5c	5.8963	2.1682	2.1682
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
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 July 2019	
Butterfat	4.0225 kg/hl
Protein	3.1152 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.8933 kg/hl

Provincial Milk Quality Averages		
Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
July 2019	21,564	219,245

Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
Sep 2019	50.00	\$41,000
Aug	12.86	\$41,850
July	66.00	\$42,500
June	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

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
July 2019	99,748.51	\$8.32
June	93,768.83	\$9.28
May	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

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	June	July	August	September	October
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
Alberta					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	92,001	91,531	93,121	94,457	97,687
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	88,183	93,910	94,647	103,769	101,970
Producer Quota (kg/day)	93,572	93,568	93,568	93,568	93,568
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	93,572	93,568	105,641	106,044	105,641
Cumulative Position (%)	-2.17%	-2.39%	-2.51%	-3.23%	-3.60%
Producer Position (Days)	-4.10	-4.89	5.70	-5.90	-5.43
Provincial Position (Days)	-8.42	-8.70	-9.13	-10.73	-12.22
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Western Milk Pool					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	264,674	263,010	264,094	260,421	275,484
Pool Quota (kg/day)	250,558	2666,828	268,923	294,843	289,730
Cumulative Position (%)*	-0.83%	-0.95%	-1.10%	-1.84%	-2.28%
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 July was 2.28 million litres, a slight decrease of 3,433 litres (-0.15 per cent) over June. Average butterfat density is on a seasonal decline trend from now until July and thus fell by 0.36 per cent to 4.0222 kg/hl in July from June.

Comparing on annual basis, there was +0.57 per cent growth in volume in the 12-month period ending July 2019 over the 12-month period ending July 2018; and +1.82 per cent growth in butterfat production for same period.

Quota

The WMP's rolling 12-month quota slightly decreased by 0.02 per cent in June over May. Alberta's daily producer quota issuance rate slightly decreased from 99.02 per cent in May to 98.88 per cent in June 2019.

Provincial and Pools' Quota Utilization

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

MB	SK	AB	BC	WMP	P5	P10
-2.26	1.60	-2.17	-0.36	-0.83	-0.03	-0.26

REMINDER: Production Flexibility Limits Adjustment

At the October 18, 2018 Board meeting, the Alberta Milk Board of Directors approved a decision to adjust the production flexibility limits to help balance seasonal production with milk demand. The next adjustment will be to the lower flexibility limit as follows: The lower limit of -17 days will be changed to -15 days in October 2019. Hence the flexibility

limits in place effective October 2019 and beyond will be +/-15 days which will bring Alberta to full harmonization with the other Western Milk Pool provinces.

Under-producing producers are therefore encouraged to ensure their credit position does not fall below the effective lower limit as stated above. As a reminder, producers with credits that they do not intend to (or cannot) produce to have the option to transfer those credits to other producers with the ability to fill them. Any excess credits beyond the effective lower flexibility limit will be truncated (i.e., lost).

Fall Producer Meetings

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Mark your calendar! Our semi-annual producer meetings will be taking place across the province this fall. The meetings are an opportunity to get an update on production, industry events, trade, policy and events. We are looking for your feedback and comments to help shape the direction of the industry.

Registration begins at 9:30 AM, with the meetings to begin promptly at 10 AM. They will conclude by 3PM. You do not need to pre-register.

October 29: Coast Hotel Lethbridge
October 30 Black Knight Inn Red Deer
October 31 Hazel Bluff Hall Westlock
November 1: Executive Royal Inn Leduc

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