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## Chair's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra

There has been a lot of talk recently around Wexit or the concept of Alberta separating from Canada. I feel this is born from the age-old concept of western alienation and has exploded since the results of the last federal election. Those same feelings are also reflecting the dairy industry.

I'm hearing from more farmers about your desire to "get our fair share of the quota" in Canada or exit the national dairy system. However, now is not the time for our industry to falter on our desire to work together. Working together is the best asset we have. I've been learning about dynamics impacting our industry for the last many years and I know that if you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together. This theory has proven true time and time again.

For example, Dairy Innovation West, the new concentration facility that will be built here in Alberta, would have been impossible to accomplish without the support of our Western Milk Pool (WMP) partners. We work with them intimately to ensure that raw milk in western Canada is managed in an efficient and effective way. By doing this, it saves your wallet and ensures that consumers don't experience dairy shortages.

On a larger scale, the voice of Quebec and Ontario were impactful in the political realm when negotiating our most recent trade deal, the new NAFTA or also called CUSMA. They

defended our best interests by protecting our entire industry from the possible dismantlement of supply management. Of course we didn't get off scot-free, but thanks to our friends to the east, things could have been a lot worse. Additionally, having no federal cabinet ministers in power from Alberta is problematic, but I have nothing but confidence that all other provinces that have Liberal representation will help carry our messages forward. We will look to our MPs to hold the Government accountable.

Do we always get along? No. Is it always easy? No. Is it worth it? Absolutely. Creating strong relationships with other provinces, industry, and processors is what helps keep our industry adaptable and strong. It's not a perfect system, but Alberta Milk needs to stay committed to working cooperatively as I'm confident we'll continue to have prosperity in the WMP and the P10.

This is the time that we can illustrate how we can understand the complexity of our industry and know that we are always better together.

The fact that we'll have shovels in the ground for a concentration facility in Alberta this spring is a testament to that and something we should be celebrating going in to this new year.

## our mission

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## AGM and Dairy Conference Takeaways

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Alberta Milk hosted its inaugural event this November at the Fantasyland Hotel. There was once again, a strong turnout from farmers and industry. Couldn't attend? Here are some important takeaways.

### Dairy Conference

*It's easy to give and direct people with good news, but leadership is giving people bad news and making them trust the direction is the right thing to do. – Darby Allen*

Darby Allen was the former chief fire fighter for the 2016 Fort McMurry fire. He had the audience laughing and crying with his personal reflection of the fire and how that impacted his life as a person and a leader.

*Talk more. Ask more. Do more. – Adelle Stewart*  
Talking about mental health can be hard and it often even harder with farmers. Adelle Stewart, farmer and executive director of the Do More Ag Foundation provided tips about how farmers need to do more to help those suffering with mental illness.

*With our change in federal leadership, it increases the importance for us to work with all parties. – Dairy Farmers of Canada*  
We always did that in the past but it's even more important now as all opposition parties are possible allies and we have to leverage their support. You are also very important in that process as you are on the ground, you are meeting your MPs, and you are the best ambassadors of our industry. Let your MPs know that you are aware of their parties' commitment and you want them to be allies.

*If you don't have a story, you don't have a brand. – Terry O'Reilly*  
The company with the best story wins. If you want to truly connect with your customers – and potential customers – you must employ emotion in your marketing. Most communication is just flat information – aimed solely at the head. Yet we make 80 per cent of our decisions with our heart.

### AGM

During the AGM portion of the event, a motion was approved to have the board examine ag mental health to see what can be done to pursue it. This issue will be further discussed at the Delegate Workshop in February.

To emphasise the importance of grassroots governance, we once again hosted roundtable discussions with farmers. Each table discussed various questions pertaining to the industry to provide further direction and feedback for governance.

Gerrit Haarman was also elected to the Alberta Milk Board, filling the board vacancy.

### \$13,000 Raised in Memory of Dairy Farmer

At the banquet at our dairy conference this year, Alberta Milk hosted a charity auction. The auction was in memory of former board member Peiter Ijff. Peiter tragically passed away from a heart attack in January. Farmers came together and raised \$13,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Thank you to everyone that bid and donated items!



The Alberta Milk Board presents the cheque to the Heart and Stroke Foundation

### Join the Dairy Cost Study

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## Recognition of Service Award Recipient

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

The Recognition of Service Award is presented to 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.

This year's recipient has demonstrated undeniable support and provided major contributions to the Alberta dairy industry.

Ewald Scheetz has worked over the years in various roles in the dairy industry - mainly for dairy processors and with dairy farmers. He began his career with Silverwood Dairies in Edmonton working up to become the manager. After the plant closed, he became a federal dairy inspector and also worked as a milk hauler. He eventually became a plant supervisor at Palm Dairies. When NADP bought Palm Dairies and became Dairyland, he became a field man. When he left Dairyland, he became a full-time milk hauler and eventually decided to truck for other companies such as gravel and pipe hauling until he retired.

Ewald also volunteered for the Western Canadian Dairy Congress from 2006 to 2017 – you could find him there hosting the volunteer lounge. Ewald's contributions and service to the dairy industry can be easily measured by the number of people encouraged, taught and worked beside.

## DFC Launches National Standard for the Production of Milk from Grass-fed Cows Pilot Project

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

In response to a growing demand for grass-fed milk products, Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) has launched the National Standard for the Production of Milk from Grass-fed Cows pilot project. The results of the pilot will inform DFC of any areas for improvement including diet, efficacy of the biomarker testing and other program elements.

The new standard is being launched as a one-year pilot project as approved by the DFC board in September 2019. During that period, farmers who elect to produce milk from grass-fed cows using the DFC national standard, must adhere to the new standard. For those farmers who participate in the program, milk biomarkers will be tested at regular intervals by a laboratory certified by their provincial board. These tests will be completed six times per year, working out to approximately one test every two months.

More information on the new standard is available online at [dairyfarmersofcanada.ca](http://dairyfarmersofcanada.ca). If you have any questions, please contact [grassfedmilk@dfc-plc.ca](mailto:grassfedmilk@dfc-plc.ca).



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## Join our Army

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

Do you host farm tours?

Are you tired of seeing incorrect information in the media about dairy farming?

Do you want to help defend supply management?

Do you want to do more to stand up for dairy farming?

Alberta Milk is launching an Ambassador Program. This program consists of a mandatory one-day training session to help farmers learn more about how to stand up for the industry. The session will teach you:

- How to better articulate what you're trying to say
- Ways to advocate for the dairy industry in your community
- Tips and tricks of social media
- How to influence your elected officials

### Other benefits:

- Connects you with others like you
- There are no mandatory hours or check ins. This is not a one-size-fits-all program. You can use it however you please.

### Don't forget!

- If you represent Alberta Milk at events, in the media, government or otherwise, you need to have this training.
- You need to have access to the internet and an email that you check weekly to join.
- You must sign our Code of Conduct agreement.

There is a two-question application form available on the Members' Only page as there are limited spots available. For more information, contact Karlee Conway at [kconway@albertamilk.com](mailto:kconway@albertamilk.com) or 780-577-3305.

## Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP)- Volunteers Needed!

Source: Kelsie Gilks, School and Agriculture Program Coordinator

If you have a passion for dairy, or just a passion for agriculture, CAP needs you! CAP aims to provide students with quality and comprehensive agriculture learning experiences that lead to a greater understanding and support for agriculture in Alberta; but this isn't possible without volunteers.

### What would you do as a CAP volunteer?

Once a classroom is registered, a zone coordinator (someone in your area who works with the teachers to organize for a presentation) will get in touch with you to set up a date. Once you're in the classroom it can be as unique and custom to you and your stories as you'd like. We ask that you share your experiences but also that you share our common message- agriculture plays a very important role in the lives of Albertans and in the lives of the students.

### How much time commitment is needed and when is it needed?

Presentations occur February through May, depending on your schedule as the volunteer. Last year, our volunteers reported that they dedicated about five hours to their presentations, which includes the one-hour presentation.

We recognize that this does require some time, so Alberta Milk offers per diems for producers who sign up as a CAP volunteer and successfully complete presentations.

If you have questions about what Alberta Milk offers to volunteers, please contact Kelsie Gilks, School and Agriculture Program Coordinator ([kgilks@albertamilk.com](mailto:kgilks@albertamilk.com)). If you would like to register as a volunteer or have specific questions about CAP, please visit [classroomagriculture.com](http://classroomagriculture.com) or email [gm@classag.ca](mailto:gm@classag.ca).

## CDC: Dairy Direct Payment Program

Source: Karlee Conway, Communications Specialist

The objective of the Dairy Direct Payment Program is to support dairy producers as a result of market access commitments made under recent international trade agreements, namely the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

The federal government announced in August 2019, that it will make available \$1.75 billion over eight years to supply-managed cows milk producers. The Dairy Direct Payment Program will provide payments in 2019-20 of \$345 million to compensate milk producers.

### Registration

Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) has started to process the payments under the Dairy Direct Payment Program (DDPP). It can take several weeks before the cheques start appearing in mailboxes. About 60 per cent of producers are registered on the program.

The registration page is still not working properly. However, the CDC has created a form that you can mail or fax in. The newest version of the form is on the DDPP program website or it is also on the Members' Only page. The latest version now includes instructions with the form and changed a question that was unclear.

If you have already submitted the form, you do not need to resubmit the registration using the new form.

### Deadline

The deadline to submit your registration for this program is March 31, 2020. If you do not register before that, you will not receive your funds.

### Roll Out for Upcoming Years

The federal government will continue to work with the Dairy Farmers of Canada to determine the terms and conditions for future years. Nothing has been confirmed at this time about if the payment process will remain the same.

Don't forget! This is a CDC program, not an Alberta Milk program. Please send all your inquiries to the contact information below as they are best apt to help you.

Email: [aafc.ddpp-ppdpl.aac@canada.ca](mailto:aafc.ddpp-ppdpl.aac@canada.ca)

Call: 1-877-246-4682

## Maternity Leave Announcement

Source: Alberta Milk staff

Alberta Milk and Jodi Flaig are pleased to announce that Jodi has started a maternity leave. Her baby is due at the end of January and she will be away from the office on leave till November 2020. We congratulate Jodi and wish her well!

In the meantime, when you have questions or would like to follow up on current Alberta Milk research projects, new animal health and welfare initiatives or upcoming DRECA activities, please contact Mike Slomp directly at 780 577-3316 or [msslomp@albertamilk.com](mailto:msslomp@albertamilk.com).



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## 2018-2019 Milk Quality Winners

Source: Alberta Milk Staff

All of our farms produce quality milk. This year, we awarded 159 farms that produced the highest quality milk. To be eligible, producers had to meet some very strict parameters:

- A bacteria average under 15,000 cells per millilitre
- An average somatic cell count of 200,000 per ml or less
- No inhibitor infractions
- All freezing points must be -0.530 or less

Our provincial milk quality award is awarded to the farm with the highest quality milk in all of Alberta. Congratulations to Cayley Colony for receiving the 2018-19 provincial milk quality award. This is the fifth time they have won the award.



Chairman Tom Kootstra presents the award.

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Hutterian Brethren Church of Leedale  
Hutterian Brethren Church of Mountainview  
Hutterian Brethren Church of Rainbow  
Hutterian Brethren Church of Three Hills  
Hutterian Brethren Church of Valleyview  
Hutterian Brethren of Byemoor  
Hutterian Brethren of Castor  
Hutterian Brethren of Neudorf

### 2020 producer pay schedule

January 18  
January 31  
February 20  
February 28  
March 20  
March 31  
April 20  
April 30  
May 20  
May 29  
June 19  
June 30  
July 20  
July 31  
August 20  
August 31  
September 18  
September 30  
October 20  
October 30  
November 20  
November 30  
December 18  
December 31

Hutterian Brethren of Whitesand  
 Johannes & Martha Otten #2  
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 Kramer Dairy Ltd.  
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 Hutterian Brethren Church of Little Bow  
 Hutterian Brethren Church of New York  
 Hutterian Brethren Church of Shadow  
 Ranch  
 Hutterian Brethren Church of Standoff  
 Hutterian Brethren Church of Thompson  
 Hutterian Brethren Church of West Raley  
 Hutterian Brethren Church of Winnifred  
 Hutterian Brethren Church of Wintering  
 Hills

Hutterian Brethren of Bluegrass  
 Hutterian Brethren of Brant  
 Hutterian Brethren of Clear Lake  
 Hutterian Brethren of Crystal Spring  
 Hutterian Brethren of Deerfield  
 Hutterian Brethren of Delco  
 Hutterian Brethren of Elmspring  
 Hutterian Brethren of Fairlane  
 Hutterian Brethren of Greenwood  
 Hutterian Brethren of Kings Lake  
 Hutterian Brethren of Lathom  
 Hutterian Brethren of Mialta  
 Hutterian Brethren of Milford  
 Hutterian Brethren of New Rockport  
 Hutterian Brethren of Newell  
 Hutterian Brethren of Plainview  
 Hutterian Brethren of Prairiehome  
 Hutterian Brethren of River Bend  
 Hutterian Brethren of River Road  
 Hutterian Brethren of Rock Lake  
 Hutterian Brethren of Rockport  
 Hutterian Brethren of Rosedale  
 Hutterian Brethren of Roseglen  
 Hutterian Brethren of Silver Sage  
 Hutterian Brethren of Standard  
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## DFC Update

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

### New Transportation of Animals Regulations coming into effect in February 2020

The amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations Part XII (Transport of Animals) come into force on February 20, 2020. Working with the provinces, DFC had expressed concerns to the office of the Minister of Agriculture as well as the Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA).

CFIA has confirmed it will implement a transition period for the feed, water and rest requirements for bovine and other sectors. During the first two years, the CFIA will focus its enforcement efforts on compliance promotion through education and awareness measures, which are part of the CFIA's continuum of enforcement actions.

The amended regulations contain outcome-based requirements to ensure that animals are not likely to suffer (from exhaustion, dehydration, weather or other conditions), be injured or die. The CFIA has the discretion to appropriately enforce these outcome-based requirements to prevent and act on animal welfare situations.

### New research aims to identify best practices for robotic milking technologies

New research launched in 2018 is investigating ways to maximize efficiency of robotic milking systems and optimize cow health within those systems. The project, led by Dr. Trevor DeVries of the University of Guelph, is very timely – about 11 per cent of farms enrolled in a milk

recording program in Canada now use robots and the adoption of this technology continues to increase.

“Considering the number of farms using robotic technology and the potential for growth, there are still gaps in our knowledge on the best strategies farmers can use to address some of the challenges we identified in the Dairy Research Cluster 2 research,” said Dr. DeVries. “This new research will build on those results.”

The researchers will be identifying cow-level and herd level factors that influence milk production, cow health and the efficiency of robot use in a large-scale sample of dairy farms. The information will be used to identify best management practices to help farmers using robotic systems produce milk more efficiently and maintain excellent dairy cow health. This will include a specific focus on health in early lactation and feeding practices in robotic barns, based on barn design and layout, for all stages of lactation.

This is the first unbiased study of its kind to investigate robotic milking technologies on farms across all provinces, using data collected in collaboration with Lactanet. The research team includes top Canadian experts in the fields of dairy cattle health, farm management and nutrition.

“We look forward to developing some very practical independent information for Canadian dairy farmers that is science-based and supports their application of the technology in the most efficient way,” concluded DeVries.

For more information on the project, visit: [www.dairyresearch.ca](http://www.dairyresearch.ca).

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# proAction® - Canadian Collaboration

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction® Coordinator

Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) and each of the provincial producers' associations (ie: Alberta Milk) are dedicated to delivering proAction® across the country. proAction's objectives are developed to align with consumer expectations while maintaining on-farm practicality.

The six proAction modules were developed by dairy producers for dairy producers from across Canada through extensive discussion and based on research of the technical and working groups. For example, much of the Food Safety, Traceability and Biosecurity modules are designed to meet Canadian Food Inspection Agency's criteria while the Animal Care module has been modelled directly after the *National Farm Animal Care Council's Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle*. Building proAction by aligning with these Canadian standards and expectations adds value, rigour and program credibility.

Each individual proAction module is supported by the following four main groups or committees:

## 1. Technical and Working Groups

Take part in the design, development and testing of each module. Once the module becomes part of the validation, these groups regularly review producer feedback and staff input to ensure ongoing success with the module's implementation and consider any necessary modifications.

*We acknowledge the support of the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta through the partnership.*



## 2. Provincial Coordinators

Are the provincial staff (ie: Morgan Hobin from Alberta Milk) who administer proAction in their respective provinces. Resource material, communications and even validators are shared amongst provinces. This regular interaction and cooperation fosters national consistency and efficiency.

## 3. The National proAction Committee

Membership is made up of producer representatives (ie: Martin Van Diemen from Alberta Milk), staff from each province (ie: Morgan Hobin and Mike Slomp) and DFC national program managers.

This committee generally meets every second month via conference call and is led by producers who have the only vote at meetings. These conference calls and meetings provide an opportunity to share insight into national issues and how proAction will move forward to meet those challenges.

## 4. The DFC Board

This is comprised of producers from each of the provinces (ie: Gert Schrijver from Alberta Milk) and is responsible for final approvals regarding proAction. The feedback you share with your provincial coordinator and/or producer representatives contributes to meaningful discussions with other producers at the national level and ensures that on-farm expectations remain practical and of value to the proAction program.

## services

The new club year of the local Dairy 4H club has started. We welcome children age 6 till 21 years of age to join! For more information contact the leaders:

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## Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions November 2019		
	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	1,411.00
Discarded	23,126.36	105,133.66
WMP	199,247.46	358,092.16
Interest	14,682.13	109.02
Metering	64,038.36	0.00
Trucking	0.00	2,025.00
Violations	34,782.78	0.00
<b>Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids</b>		<b>(\$0.0059)</b>

Average Milk Prices	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
<b>Nov 2019</b>	<b>85.39</b>
Oct	84.94
Sep	81.99
Aug	80.38
July	79.50
June	79.99
May	80.07
Apr	80.24
Mar	82.72
Feb	82.75
Jan	83.72
Dec	84.36

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

Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) January 2020			
Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	6.7699	11.4173	0.3246
Class 5b	6.7699	2.8495	2.8495
Class 5c	5.8640	2.8290	2.8290
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

2019-2020 Quota Exchange and Credit Transfer Deadlines		
Transfer Date	Quota Exchange	Credit Transfer
Jan. 1, 2020	Dec. 16, 2019	Jan. 24, 2020
Feb. 1, 2020	Jan. 17, 2020	Feb. 21, 2020
Mar. 1, 2020	Feb. 14, 2020	Mar. 24, 2020
Apr. 1, 2020	Mar. 17, 2020	Apr. 23, 2020
May 1, 2020	Apr. 16, 2020	May 22, 2020
June 1, 2020	May 15, 2020	June 23, 2020
July 1, 2020	June 16, 2020	July 24, 2020

Provincial Average Components November 2019	
Butterfat	4.3206 kg/hl
Protein	3.2834 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.8635 kg/hl

Provincial Milk Quality Averages		
Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
Nov 2019	23,287	191,330



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Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
	Total Transferred	Clearing Price/kg
Jan 2020	14.00	\$42,830
Dec	60.00	\$41,525
Nov	25.00	\$41,225
Oct	26.75	\$41,052
Sep	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

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price\$/eligible kg
Nov 2019	102,492.61	\$4.89
Oct	129,899.66	\$4.49
Sep	108,199.11	\$4.06
Aug	145,660.86	\$4.83
July	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

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	October	November	December	January	February
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
<b>Alberta</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	94,796	94,623	94,327	94,636	94,887
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	105,855	97,916	106,117	86,416	88,794
Producer Quota (kg/day)	93,569	93,569	93,569	93,569	93,569
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	104,134	104,486	93,569	93,569	93,569
Cumulative Position (%)	-4.03%	-4.33%	-5.35%	-4.61%	-4.09%
Producer Position (Days)	-7.97	-8.92	-9.99	-9.71	-9.31
Provincial Position (Days)	-13.26	-15.35	-17.60	-18.67	-16.18
Penalty (kg)	-131,577	0	0	0	0
<b>Western Milk Pool</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	272,243	272,695	274,399	276,359	276,745
Pool Quota (kg/day)	300,768	278,213	301,512	245,537	252,293
Cumulative Position (%)*	-2.52%	-2.70%	-3.53%	-2.56%	-1.80%
Penalty (kg)	-378,116	0	0	0	0

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





## services cont'd

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## Alberta Production and Quota Update

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

### Production

Daily average production in November was 2.19 million litres, a decrease of 11,175 litres (-1.51 per cent) over October. Provincial average butterfat density started on its seasonal rise in August and thus rose by 0.33 per cent to a dairy-year-peak of 4.3206 kg/hl in November from October.

Comparing on an annual basis, there was +0.18 per cent growth in volume in the 12-month period ending November 2019 over the 12-month period ending November 2018; and +1.09 per cent growth in butterfat production for same period.

### Quota

The WMP's rolling 12-month quota slightly increased by 0.96 per cent in October over September. Alberta's daily producer quota issuance rate in October 2019 is 93,569 (i.e. 97.11 per cent) kg/day.

### Provincial and Pools' Quota Utilization

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

MB	SK	AB	BC	WMP	P5	P10
-4.41	1.07	-4.03	-1.35	-2.52	-1.72	-2.02

The WMP under-produced its monthly CDC quota allotment by 884,273 kilograms of butterfat in October 2019.

### Incentive Day Utilization

Month	Utilization (%)	Utilization Days	# of Producers
Aug 2019	28.50	1.14	504
Sep 2019	30.18	1.20	503
Oct 2019	30.14	1.36	501
Nov 2019	TBD	TBD	TBD

### New Entrant Assistance Program (NEAP)

The application period for the 2020 NEAP will be open from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Please go to [albertamilk.com](http://albertamilk.com) or the Members Only page for more details.

### Historic Investment in Rural Policing

Source: Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

Alberta is adding more than 500 RCMP positions in rural communities across the province and is fostering a new public safety partnership with municipalities.

This partnership places priority on adding uniformed patrol officers in rural RCMP detachments, increasing the total number from under 1,600 to about 1,900, and will also add members to specialized RCMP units that dismantle organized crime and drug trafficking and investigate auto and scrap metal theft. This announcement was made at Wassink Dairy Ltd near Leduc.

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