



Representing Alberta's Dairy Producers

March 24, 2020

Dear Industry Partner,

I wanted to update you about Alberta Milk's efforts to ensure there is a consistent supply of high-quality milk coming from our farms.

Be assured that we are working very closely with our farmers to ensure that they understand and implement protocols put forth by Alberta Health Services, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the World Health Organization. Alberta Milk has reinforced protocols like social distancing, increased hygiene standards, and even higher biosecurity practices on farms.

We strongly encourage you to utilize electronic methods of communication like a phone call, FaceTime, video chat or text messaging if possible. However, we understand that some essential service providers will still need to go on farms. While we recognize many of our service providers have already developed protocols, we strongly encourage you to follow the recommendations put forth by those various health agencies to keep you and our farmers safe.

I'd also like to remind you that our Spring Producer Meetings that were scheduled for the first week of April will be postponed until further notice. We look forward to sharing industry information with you at a later date and potentially online.

Now more than ever it's important that we stay in touch and help each other. Please note that the Alberta Milk office is closed to the public, but staff are working remotely. If you have questions about COVID-19 and Alberta's dairy farms, please don't hesitate to contact Mike Slomp, industry and member services manager, at msslomp@albertamilk.com or 780-577-3316.

Thank you for your continued dedication to keep our industry safe and strong.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Kootstra".

Tom Kootstra
Chair

