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Chair's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra

Upon hanging up the phone from a media interview about Starbucks' concern with the environmental impact of dairy, I took time to reflect on the changing dialog about dairy and the environment. With the rise of interest in caring for the planet, it's clear that organizations and consumers are paying a lot more attention to how dairy farmers manage water, soil and air, and their cows.

This message was reiterated at Dairy Farmers of Canada's (DFC) Advocacy Day and Policy Conference this February when members of the board and staff met with Alberta MPs and senators. This annual event helped bring perspective on various issues and one common thread among all the speakers was that more time needs to be spent on sharing our environmental message. The excellent line up of speakers included Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal minister of agriculture and agri-food, as well as the opposition's shadow critic MPs John Barlow and Richard Lehoux.

The DFC marketing team also provided insight into the millennial's mindset in relation to environment. Far more than baby boomers, millennials feel that an organization's values are an extension of themselves. If they keep hearing that dairy is bad for the environment, we lose their trust (and their business). We need to speak up because they are listening.

I have great pride in our farms and believe that we have been environmentalists long before it was trendy. We just aren't great at telling that story because it's something we do every day.

Activities like reusing water, recycling manure, and conserving energy are regular activities, and those are the things people need to hear about. We also have great assets in our backyard. For example, cattle are upcyclers: more than simply recycling, they are upgrading plant proteins (including plant leftovers) into higher quality protein for people. We have great stories to share.

The culmination of our work is reducing our environmental impact. Our GHG emissions are down seven per cent over the last six years and the amount of emissions to produce one litre of Canadian milk compared to the rest of the globe has been reduced by fifty percent. We are doing more with less.

I caution you to not get angry at those, like Starbucks, who don't instantly understand our environmental practices. I'm a firm believer that if you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together. We need to do a better job of sharing our story about the environmental excellence our farms achieve. I encourage you to address this message in farm tours, on your social media pages, and in your community and to take a more cooperative approach to explaining why we care just as much as consumers do about our planet.

Together, let's show the world how green milk actually is.

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Board Report

Source: Tom Kootstra, chair

The Alberta Milk Board of Directors met on January 29. I would like to share some highlights from our meeting:

Strategic Planning

A vital function of the board is to establish a strategic plan for the organization. This process is an opportunity to review and potentially refresh our current vision, mission, goals and how to get there. The strategic plan then influences the budget and our operational plan which provides more detailed direction to staff.

This process includes obtaining input from Delegates at the February 19 and 20, 2020 Delegate Workshop. The Workshop provided opportunity for the initial discussion and engagement to identify current and future opportunities and risks for the dairy industry.

The Board will participate in a two-day facilitated session at the end of March to refine the strategy based on the input from Delegates. We are anticipating that by summer we will have an updated strategic plan which we will share with producers and key stakeholders in the industry.

S-Code

What is an S-Code? Producer milk samples are tested for bacteria a maximum of two days after pickup. Anything beyond the two-day window is typically considered too old for bacteria testing. The sample (if tested by the lab for bacteria after two days) will show an "S" code which means the sample was stale dated (too old for bacteria testing). Stale dated samples, regardless of result, are not used for a producer's month end average.

Staff will now analyze the "S" coded samples and determine if they are still a good fit for the producer and remove the "S" code as needed. Both British Columbia and Saskatchewan use this model. Please expect a letter in the mail with more details.

DIW

Dairy Innovation West (DIW), the dairy concentration facility proposed in Alberta, is making progress as we complete some very detailed due diligence. The due diligence process is proving to be very complex and at this time we don't anticipate that we will meet the initially proposed timeline to have shovels in the ground by April. This relates to the many facets of this initiative and that it's the first of its kind in Canada. It's important to do this correctly from the start. We continue to work with the WMP to drive this forward.

Please expect regular updates on DIW within the upcoming months. Specifically, we'll look for your consult and engagement at the Spring Producer Meetings.

CUSMA

The Federal government is expected to approve CUSMA legislation in late February which would result in the agreement coming into force on May 1. Therefore, all associated CUSMA policy changes must be implemented on April 1, 2020. The January 2020 CSMSC Meeting, the P10 agreed to pool all revenues on milk. This is a significant step forward for the industry. There are still some final details that need to be resolved and the CDC will arbitrate these issues within the next month.

Mental Health

Following a resolution from the floor at the AGM this November, the Board is seeking feedback from delegates about Alberta Milk's role regarding mental health support. A jurisdictional scan was presented at the Delegate Workshop, and we also sought additional feedback from delegates where gaps exist and where the organization needs to go. We are also assessing the value of offering training once it becomes available this fall.

Additionally, the Research and Extension Committee (REAC) is vetting funding projects in relation to mental health. Please note that if funding were to proceed, it would not come from the research levy as that is assigned for production-related research only.

Register for Open Farm Days

Source: Kelsie Gilks, School and Agriculture Program Coordinator

What is Open Farm Days?

Alberta Open Farm Days is a collaborative, province-wide, two-day event that gives Albertans an opportunity to experience the farm and understand where their food comes from. This year, the event will be taking place on August 15 and 16.

What should I expect?

The number of visitors will vary depending on your location. If you are closer to a major centre, expect your numbers to be higher. You will be answering questions about life on the dairy farm and either giving guided tours or allowing visitors to roam. Alberta Milk can provide promotional materials for your guests by contacting the office.

Honorarium

For a third year, we will be offering \$500 to the first ten farms that register to participate in Open Farm Days. We understand that a significant amount of time and money can be spent to get your farm ready for the public to visit.

How do I register?

You must confirm your attendance with Kelsie at Alberta Milk at 780-577-3327 or kgilks@albertamilk.com, in addition to registering on the Alberta Open Farm Days website, albertafarmdays.ca, before May 31, 2020. The website also provides more information and see who else might be registered in your area.

Spring Producer Meetings

Source: Karlee Conway, Marketing and Communications Manager

Please join us for our Spring Producer Meeting this April 1-9 across the province. As a reminder, registration opens at 9:30 AM and the meeting will conclude around 3 PM. Pre-registration is not required.

Closed Producer-Only Morning

Alberta Milk has always encouraged and appreciated the participation of industry stakeholders at our producer meetings. However, for this spring's meetings, the morning session (from 10AM-noon) will be **CLOSED** for producers only.

Industry stakeholders are invited and encouraged to join us at noon for lunch for networking opportunities and stay for the afternoon topics. This format is the same used in the fall of 2019.

Wednesday, April 1

Royal Hotel (formerly Executive Royal Inn)
8450 Sparrow Drive, Leduc

Thursday, April 2

Hazel Bluff Community Hall
AB-18, Westlock County

Tuesday, April 7

Coast Lethbridge Hotel & Conference Center
526 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge

Wednesday, April 9

Black Knight Inn
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Farm Freedom and Safety Act

Source: AgSafe Alberta

The Government of Alberta is introducing new legislation that will impact Alberta producers. Bill 26 also known as the Farm Freedom and Safety Act (FFSA) changes current employment, workers compensation coverage, and occupational health and safety requirements for producers. The following guide will serve as an overview of how these changes will impact you. These changes came into affect on January 31.

What rules under the Farm Freedom and Safety Act apply to my farm?

Farm Type	Workers Compensation (WCB)	Employment Standards	Occupational Health Services (OHS)
Family Farm	No Change: Exempt from any requirement to have private insurance or WCB.	No Change: Exempt from any Employment Standards.	No Change: Exempt from any occupational health and safety requirements.
1-5 Non-Family Waged-Workers	Change: Exempt from requirements to have WCB coverage. Private insurance or WCB will be optional.	Change: Farms and ranches with 5 or fewer employees, not including family members, and employees who work less than 6 months consecutively will be exempt from all employment standards.	Change: Will be required to follow the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act. Will be exempt from the Regulations or Code.
6+ Non-Family Waged Workers	Change: Farms and ranches with more than 5 waged, non-family employees will be required to have workplace insurance, but will be able to choose which workplace insurance options works best for their operation (WCB or private).	Change: Farms and ranches with more than 5 waged, non-family employees will still be required to meet employment standards, with some exemptions.	Change: Will be required to follow the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act. Will be exempt from the Regulations and Code.

How does the Act Impact my Farm?

Below is a brief snapshot of some parts of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that will be important to your farm operations:

Part 1: Obligations (Responsibilities)

Establishes the specific responsibilities for employers, supervisors, workers, suppliers, service providers, owners, contractors, prime-contractors, self-employed persons, and temporary staffing agencies.

Part 2: Duty to Inform (Right to Know)

Employers must provide information that may affect the health and safety of workers including information about the hazards, hazard controls, and the work practices and procedures used on the farm.

Part 3: Joint Work Site Health and Safety Committees and Health and Safety Representatives (Right to Participate)

Outlines the specific requirements for establishing a Health and Safety Representative or Joint Work Site Health and Safety Committee.

Part 4: Dangerous Work and Discriminatory Action (Right to Refuse Dangerous Work)

Workers have the right refuse dangerous work.

Part 5: Program and Practice

Farms with 20 or more workers are required to establish a health and safety program in consultation with their joint work site health and safety committee. This part also describes the circumstances of when an incident must be reported to Occupational Health and Safety.

Part 8: Compliance and Enforcement

Outlines the role of Occupational Health and Safety officers and what measures they can take to for compliance and enforcement.

Part 10: Offences and Penalties

Outlines the circumstances of when someone could be found guilty of an offense under the Act and the associated penalties.

What if I have more questions?

For more information on Bill 26: <https://www.alberta.ca/farm-freedom-and-safety-act.aspx>



Future Leaders Development Conference

Source: Karlee Conway, Marketing and Communications Manager

This year's conference took place February 11 – 13, 2020 in Montreal, QC. This is the third time this national conference has been held. This year, Alberta Milk's attendees were Devon Simmelink and Ben Kuipers.

In addition to the classroom sessions about leadership and governance, attendees from across the country learned more about the industry by touring the McGill Research Farm and the Lactanet milk lab. We would like to extend our appreciation to Lactanet for hosting us and all of the support from our partners in making this year another success.

About the Program

This conference welcomes about 20 future dairy industry leaders to participate in a three-day development course that provides a forum for the opportunity to grow their leadership skills, business knowledge and network while simultaneously allowing them to better understand their own personal skills inventory. The session exposed participants to the experiences of current leaders as well as provide additional education and insights into key responsibilities and activities of a Board. Each of the five provinces (BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario) selected two participants from their provinces to attend and the remaining 10 were chosen by Agrifoods, Lactanet, WestGen, EastGen, and GayLea Foods.



2020 Future Leaders Conference participants.

Ambassador Program Update

Source: Karlee Conway, Marketing and Communications Manager

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. Deadline to apply is **April 15**. For more information, contact Karlee Conway at kconway@albertamilk.com or 780-577-3305.



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Time to Recycle those Empty Grain Bags in Alberta

Source: Cleanfarms

It's winter on the prairies, so it's time to empty grain bags to move last fall's harvest to dryers and then to market. For growers who use grain bags, that means recycling them instead of landfilling, storing or worse, burning them. For some Alberta farmers, this year could be the first time they've had an option to recycle. That's where Cleanfarms comes in.

Under the newly minted 'Alberta Ag-plastic. Recycle It!' program led by the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group (APRG) and operated by Cleanfarms, farmers will find it more convenient to locate places that will take empty grain bags and twine for recycling.

For year one of this three-year pilot, Cleanfarms has established 20 collection sites throughout the province. Most are currently taking rolled, tied grain bags of any size, and twine for recycling. Some, however, just take grain bags and a few take only twine. The full roster of collection locations and what they take can be found on Cleanfarms.ca

According to a recent survey conducted for Cleanfarms, 92 per cent of Alberta farmers (growing crops or livestock) would be very (68 per cent) or somewhat (24 per cent) likely to participate in a recycling program for grain bags if a collection site was in their area. Similarly, 86 per cent said they would be very (56 per cent) or somewhat (30 per cent) likely to participate in a twine recycling program if a collection facility was in their area.

Farm plastic waste studies undertaken by Cleanfarms estimated Alberta farmers generate as much as 2500 tonnes of low-density polyethylene grain bags and up to 3000 tonnes of polypropylene twine annually, and all of this is available for recycling.

"Alberta farmers are ready and willing to recycle used grain bags and twine, and with approximately 5500 tonnes of viable agricultural plastic available to be recycled, that's an unbeatable combination for a successful program. Plus, those recovered resources will be made into new products for farm use. This

new Alberta recycling program is a win for everyone," said Cleanfarms General Manager Barry Friesen. Recycled twine is used in many different applications, including roofing tiles and new twine.

Farmers preparing to recycle grain bags should know they need to shake them to remove debris, roll and tightly secure them with twine. Some collection sites have rollers and compactors available so farmers should contact sites for information beforehand.

Twine should not be mixed with any other plastics and needs to be shaken to remove debris, placed loose in a Cleanfarms recycling bag and tied closed. Cleanfarms recycling bags are available at rural municipalities and 'Alberta Ag-plastic. Recycle It!' collection sites.

Farmers should contact collection sites for hours of operation and to schedule a drop-off time if assistance is required for unloading. Information is provided at Cleanfarms.ca

The pilot is being funded through a grant from the Government of Alberta and administered by Alberta Beef Producers.

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DRECA Workshop Review

Source: Kira Macmillan, Alberta Milk

The annual Dairy Research and Extension Consortium of Alberta (DRECA) workshops were held from February 3 – 6 in Westlock, Leduc, Lacombe and Lethbridge. The theme of this year's series was Mastitis and Milking Management, which was a theme revisited from the very first DRECA workshop series. As always, the DRECA workshops aim to address a topic relevant to the dairy industry and provide practical knowledge and education for dairy producers and industry partners/supporters.

Both Dr. Leighton Coma and Dr. Trevor Hook, from Central Veterinary Clinic, spoke about mastitis on dairy farms in central Alberta from a veterinarian's perspective. After defining "contagious" and "environmental mastitis", they discussed common mastitis pathogens in Alberta and treatment strategies, including the pros and cons of selective dry cow therapy.

Dr. Anne Laarman, a dairy nutrition researcher at the University of Alberta, presented on liquid feeding programs for calves. Dr. Laarman discussed the importance of investing in calf nutrition, specifically with high quality colostrum and liquid feed, higher planes of nutrition, and controlling bacterial exposure. In regards to feeding waste milk, Dr. Laarman talked about how understanding the different sources (i.e. sick or transition cows) and analyzing nutrient composition may improve calf performance.

Kelly Mauthe, member services specialist at Alberta Milk, spoke on milk quality testing and regulations in Alberta. After covering the measures of milk quality and the performance of Alberta's dairy producers, Mr. Mauthe focused on inhibitor testing. He also covered a specific scenario of incorrect delivery of feed contaminated with antibiotics and how in such cases, it is vital that producers contact Alberta Milk immediately, who will help to handle these kinds of situations. **If this happens on your farm, please call 780-491-2666 immediately.**

Dr. Ernest Hovingh, an extension veterinarian and associate researcher at Penn State University, presented on mastitis management and determining treatment efficacy. Dr. Hovingh provided work sheets outlining a specific mastitis pathogen, treatment and SCC from DHI tests before and after mastitis diagnosis. Using this information it was possible to determine the cure rate and decide if specific treatment strategies were effective against certain pathogens.

The 2020 DRECA workshops were well attended and received very positive feedback. Thank you to all of our speakers and to our sponsor, Charm Sciences Inc. We are always looking for producer input when choosing our annual topic. If you have a topic suggestion or would like more information on the 2020 workshop presentations, please email Kira Macmillan at dreca@albertamilk.com.



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DFC Update

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

DFC's Blue Cow logo continues its intrepid growth: More than 8,000 dairy products to feature iconic logo by Spring 2020

Last month, Lactalis Canada announced that it will introduce DFC's Blue Cow logo on its Cracker Barrel, Black Diamond, Cheestrings, aMOOza! and P'tit Québec cheeses made with Canadian milk. This means that by Spring 2020, more than 8,000 dairy products will feature the Blue Cow logo.

"As one of the largest dairy processors in Canada, Lactalis Canada's decision to feature the Blue Cow logo on its products is a testament to their confidence in Canadian dairy farmers and the high-quality milk they produce daily," said Pierre Lampron, President of Dairy Farmers of Canada. "This announcement speaks volumes about the faith processors, retailers and consumers have in our farmers and the industry's commitment to socially responsible production."

"I'm excited for us at Lactalis Canada to pursue our collaboration with the Dairy Farmers of Canada. This logo represents our commitment to the sustainability of our industry and to offer Canadian consumers the best milk and cheese in the country," said Mark Taylor, President and CEO of Lactalis Canada.

In just a few short years since its launch, the Blue Cow logo has already become one of the most recognized and most trusted brands in the country. No fewer than 88 per cent of Canadian consumers recognize the logo. The logo is underpinned

by proAction®, the industry's robust quality assurance program, under which Canadian farmers demonstrate the highest standards in areas such as food safety, sustainability and animal care.

"Canadians want to know what is in the foods they consume and where they come from, and the Blue Cow provides that clarity," added Lampron. "It speaks volumes about trustworthiness in Canadian dairy farmers, and is emblematic of the industry's commitment to excellence in producing high-quality Canadian milk."

Upcoming Workshop Series: We're All in This Together

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction Coordinator

Alberta Milk and our dairy industry service provider partners will be delivering a series of workshops to provincial dairy producers this month.

Morgan Sangster, Holstein Canada western Canadian Field Representative and Jan Rodenburg, Lactanet regional sales and services manager, will provide insight into their products and services that assist in day-to-day dairy herd management activities.

Dr. Clem Nash, proAction cattle assessment expert, will lead attendees in a scenario-based session that looks at the process of building customized Corrective Action Plans. These scenarios will be based from Dr. Nash's on-farm experiences and first-round national proAction cattle assessment results.

Morgan Hobin, Alberta Milk proAction coordinator, will provide a proAction update and highlight current Alberta Milk initiatives.

Dates and locations are:

March 23 @ Coast Hotel, Lethbridge
March 24 @ Cambridge Hotel, Red Deer
March 25 @ Royal Hotel, Leduc
March 27 @ Hazel Bluff Community Hall, Westlock

Agenda details and registration information can be found at albertamilk.com/events or on the flyer inserted in this issue.



proAction® - Environment Update

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction Coordinator

Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)

Effective September 2021, a completed EFP will be a requirement of the proAction® Environment module. You will be responsible to have a completed EFP for your farm prior to your proAction full validation following September 2021.

What is an EFP and How Do I Benefit?

The EFP is a whole farm, self-assessment tool that helps you identify and develop a plan to mitigate any identified environmental risks in your operation. It will also strengthen your understanding of legal requirements related to provincial environmental issues. Benefits include:

- Identifying what you are already doing well and pinpoint where improvements can be made.
- Increased profitability by improving operational efficiency, through addressing the identified risks.
- Funding eligibility through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP).
- The ability to demonstrate to the public, government, lenders and/or investors that you are managing your environmental risks.

How Do I Complete an EFP?

You can complete your EFP online at albertaefp.com and there is no cost to do so.

How Long is my EFP Valid for?

In Alberta, your EFP has a 10-year validity period.

For questions about completing an EFP or your farm's EFP status, contact Alberta EFP directly at 587-200-2552.

Short-Term Solid Manure Storage Requirements

The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) published a new factsheet outlining the requirements you must follow when making decisions about your short-term solid manure storage. Points include:

- Site selection
- Agricultural Operation Practices Act requirements
- Setbacks from common bodies of water

Full details can be accessed at nrcb.ca or on the factsheet inserted in this issue of Milking Times.



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 January 2020

	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	570.00
Discarded	0.00	67,377.51
WMP	181,667.01	352,734.42
Interest	28,142.48	142.24
Metering	61,672.95	0.00
Trucking	0.00	2,025.00
Violations	15,928.51	0.00
Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids		(\$0.0145)

Average Milk Prices

Month	TPQ \$/hL
Jan 2020	85.70
Dec	84.92
Nov	85.39
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

Provincial Average Components January 2020

Butterfat	4.2993 kg/hl
Protein	3.2548 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.8830 kg/hl

2019-2020 Quota Exchange and Credit Transfer Deadlines

Transfer Date	Quota Exchange	Credit Transfer
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

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

Class 5 Prices (\$/kg) March 2020

Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	6.0926	8.5418	0.4088
Class 5b	6.0926	3.0770	3.0770
Class 5c	5.8760	2.9763	2.9763
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

Provincial Milk Quality Averages

Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
Jan 2020	24,446	194,715

Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
Month	Total Transferred	Clearing Price /kg
Mar 2020	76.50	\$44,930
Feb	20.29	\$43,900
Jan	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

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price/ eligible kg
Jan 2020	125,515.97	\$5.98
Dec	114,238.91	\$4.89
Nov	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

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	December	January	February	March	April
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
Alberta					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	95,321	95,394	95,647	95,384	94,993
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	98,426	86,416	88,794	92,186	90,110
Producer Quota (kg/day)	93,547	93,547	93,547	93,547	93,547
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	93,547	93,547	93,547	93,547	93,547
Cumulative Position (%)					
Producer Position (Days)	-8.10	-7.56	-6.98	-6.44	-6.05
Provincial Position (Days)	-15.36	-14.27	-11.65	-10.15	-8.75
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Western Milk Pool					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	274,392	277,177	277,505	276,912	275,345
Pool Quota (kg/day)	279,661	245,537	252,293	261,931	256,031
Cumulative Position (%)*	-2.58%	-1.59%	-0.85%	-0.39%	0.20%
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 January was 2.24 million litres, an increase of 33,368 litres (+1.51 per cent) over December. Provincial average butterfat density peaked at 4.3206 kg/hl in November and is on a seasonal decline. The average butterfat density in January was 4.2501 kg/hl, a 1.41 per cent drop from December.

Comparing on an annual basis, there was +0.30 per cent growth in volume in the 12-month period ending January 2020 over the 12-month period ending January 2019; and +1.45 per cent growth in butterfat production for same period.

Quota

The WMP's rolling 12-month quota slightly increased by 0.08 per cent in December over November. Alberta's daily producer quota issuance rate in December 2019 was 93,547 kg/day (i.e. 97.90 per cent relative to past 12-month CDC quota allocation).

Provincial and Pools' Quota Utilization

Cumulative Quota Positions (CQP) as at the end of December 2019 were -2.58, -1.84 and -2.12 per cent for the WMP, P5 and P10 respectively. The WMP under-produced its monthly CDC quota allotment by 163,344 kilograms of butterfat in December 2019. There were no incentive days in place for January 2019.

Fall 2020 Incentive Days Schedule

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

At their January 29, 2020 Board meeting, the Alberta Milk Board of Directors approved the issuance of a total of twenty (20) fixed incentive days for the period of August 2020 to November 2020 with details below:

Month	Issued Incentive Days Per Month
Aug - 20	2 days
Sep - 20	6 days
Oct - 20	6 days
Nov - 20	6 days
Total	20 days

These seasonal incentive days are announced well in advance to provide producers the notice they need to plan for higher production in late summer and fall/winter when milk demand typically exceeds supply.

Please note that these are fixed incentive days – which means it is issued on a use-it-or-lose-it basis, for each month.

The Board will continue to monitor the national and regional production requirements and will advise producers if further changes are needed to serve the market.



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