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Chair's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra

COVID-19 has challenged every facet of our industry and supply chain. No one is immune to this. Please rest assured that we are working with others to help navigate these new obstacles.

One issue we are continuing to face is empty shelves or quantity limitations in the dairy aisle. Some retailers have made the decision to limit the quantities of staple items to ensure there is enough for everyone. They also are likely experiencing distribution issues during this unprecedented time. We don't have control over the choices or pressures retailers have, but I can assure you it is not because of production. If you are seeing these things, I encourage you to speak with the store manager. We will continue to work with the entire supply chain to make things right.

Something equally important is the effect that COVID-19 has undoubtedly had on your mental health. No one is unaffected to this added stress or pressure right now. Please reach out if you're not feeling well and check in with others.

The Do More Agriculture Foundation (domore.ag) has some specialized resources for farmers and I encourage you to utilize them. There is no shame in seeking the help you may need. These are uncertain times and you may feel the weight of the world on your shoulders because you don't have control. Please know there are resources available that can help.

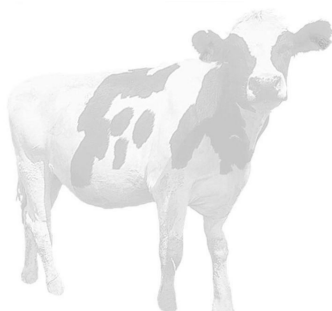
Despite these challenges, I hope you all realize that you are providing an essential service. Take pride in feeding Canadians. We have an important job to do right now.

I am pleased to say that in this time of need, Alberta Milk has donated \$15,000 to local food banks, and in partnership with Saputo, we have donated 500 4 litre jugs of milk to those most vulnerable in the province. We continue to seek opportunities to do more.

our mission

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Board Update

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chair

Quota Adjustment for May

The Alberta Milk Board of Directors continues to monitor the current milk supply and demand situation in Alberta, the Western Milk Pool (WMP), and across Canada. I am pleased to report that the measures Alberta and all provinces have taken have resulted in a better alignment of milk supply and demand.

At this time, we are seeing demand for fluid milk slightly above normal for this time of the year and that is largely attributable to increased milk consumption as people stay home and the increased interest in home cooking and baking. Unfortunately, this slight increase in fluid demand is not enough to compensate for the loss of the restaurant and hospitality demand for dairy products – especially cream and cheese.

On April 25, 2020, the P5 announced that effective May 1, 2020, they would implement a two per cent quota cut in addition to the current zero-credit day restriction that went into effect April 1, 2020. The P5 felt that there was still too much milk in the system and thus they made the difficult decision to further decrease milk production in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

On April 27, 2020, the WMP met and determined that in Western Canada the milk supply is relatively balanced with the demand at this time. As a result, British Columbia (BC), Alberta (AB), Saskatchewan (SK) and Manitoba (MB) will be continuing with the measures established for April 2020. This means that BC, SK and MB will maintain a zero-credit day restriction and Alberta will continue with the three per cent quota cut and a two-credit day restriction.

The current COVID-19 situation continues to be volatile and thus, the board would like to remind all producers that the board strives to make the best decisions with the information that is available. The board continues to meet regularly to monitor the current milk supply

and demand situation. Should things change, for the better or the worse, the board will notify producers accordingly. As this is a rapidly evolving situation, please ensure that Alberta Milk has your current email address by contacting Cristin in the office (780-577-3312) or that you have access to the Members Only page as that is how we will continue to announce any future changes to quota adjustments. At this point, we remain confident that the actions of Alberta and all provinces will continue to achieve the required alignment of milk supply and demand.

The board would also like to thank producers for the thoughtful and respectful feedback received to date. We sincerely appreciate everyone's cooperation in reducing milk production and we hope that we will have better news in the weeks to come.

Organic Market

The market for organic milk has not been impacted the same way as conventional milk. In fact, fluid demand for organic milk has increased. As a result, on April 14, 2020, the board decided to maintain the current 10 organic incentive days for April 2020 and there will be no credit day restrictions in place for organic producers until further notice.

Administrative Assessment Holiday

The board has approved a 'holiday' of the administration assessment for April 2020 for all producers. This represents a savings to producers of over \$450,000 and will be sourced from operational savings as a result of COVID-19. For example, we will not be having spring meetings, extension workshops, national meetings, etc for the remainder of this dairy year (till July 31, 2020) and thus we will have significant savings which will be used to cover the assessment 'holiday'.

A Message From DFC President Pierre Lampron

Dear friends,
I am so proud that the dairy farming community continues to be hard at work in these unprecedented times and seeing our industry is stepping up. I also want to acknowledge the hard work done by our elected and staff, both at DFC and in the provinces to ensure continuity of supply in their respective regions in the face of fluctuating demand in an evolving marketplace. Canadian dairy farmers are known for being resilient and taking on huge challenges and we will get through this unpredictable time together.

We also salute the hard-working men and women throughout the supply chain, from the farm to the shelves of your grocery store, working in difficult conditions to meet Canadians' food needs.

DFC has been active in liaising with the dairy processing industry and the retailers to identify the source of the "hurdles" that has led to the current disposing of milk at the farm. As well, we are working with the provinces to collaborate on on-farm protocols providing guidance on how to manage and prepare for milk pickup.

Whether it is between dairy farmer organizations or with our partners in the supply chain, everyone is working in the spirit of collaboration to ensure consumers have continuous access to Canadian dairy products, even as foodservice and restaurants retool themselves to move to pick-up and delivery only.

Communication is essential at a time like this, so we've been working to ensure farmers and consumers have the most up-to-date information – visit www.dairyfarmers.ca for the latest. We also encourage you to check with various organizations and government agencies like the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council, as well as DFC or your provincial organization.



DFC President Pierre Lampron

As dairy farmers, we play an essential role in providing quality, and safe dairy products to consumers. In times of need, Canadians can count on us!

Pierre Lampron
President of Dairy Farmers of Canada

DFC reassuring consumers about Canadian milk

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Across the country, Canadian dairy farmers continue to provide consumers with a safe, steady supply of high-quality milk. This mission remains unchanged under the COVID-19 pandemic, and to reassure consumers, DFC has launched a new digital campaign about the ongoing safety and quality of dairy products.

Targeting millennials and gen-Zs, DFC utilizes consumer-friendly messaging and graphics to remind consumers of the stringent standards in Canadian dairy production and letting them know we're still here producing quality milk for Canadians. Most notably, the campaign will link to a complete 'frequently asked questions' website which will act as a resource for any and all consumer questions, covering a range of topics related to COVID-19.



deadlines

quota transfers

May 15, 2020 at
4:30 p.m.

credit transfers

May 22, 2020 at
4:30 p.m.





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Mental Health Resources for Farmers During COVID-19 Pandemic

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak in Canada, DFC has assembled several links and resources on mental health for dairy farmers. These resources are intended to better connect our farmers with available tools created by experts.

- Do More Agriculture Foundation: <https://www.domore.ag/>
- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH): www.camh.ca
- Canadian Mental Health Association: www.cmha.ca
- CMHA “Six tips to respond to employee anxiety about COVID-19: <https://cmha.ca/news/6-tips-to-respond-to-employee-anxiety-about-covid-19>
- The Working Mind Self-Care and Resilience Guide: <https://theworkingmind.ca/blog/working-mind-covid-19-self-care-resilience-guide>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>

If you are in immediate distress, please contact your nearest crisis centre. If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1 or go to your local emergency department.

Update on Temporary Foreign Workers Program

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Canada’s border is closed to all non-nationals due to COVID-19, but seasonal agricultural workers under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program are excluded from the travel ban. In addition to health screening protocols before travel, all individuals entering from abroad must isolate for 14 days upon their arrival in Canada. A temporary modification is being made to the Labour Market Impact Assessment process for agriculture and food processing employers, as the required 2-week recruitment period will be waived for the next 6 months. The government will increase the maximum allowable employment duration for workers in the low-wage stream of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program from 1 to 2 years.

If you already have a temporary foreign worker on your farm, there is a possibility of extending the length of stay of temporary workers in Canada.

For more information on the implementation, you can contact the Temporary Foreign Workers Program toll-free at 1-800-367-5693 or consult the program’s website: www.canada.ca

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Dairy as an Essential Service

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Food is listed as one of Canada's ten critical infrastructure groups by Public Safety Canada. As dairy plays a central role in feeding Canadians, DFC had called on the government to make it clear that dairy is an essential component of food critical infrastructure. In so doing, the government would help alleviate any employee uncertainty in our value chain as to the importance of continuing to go to work and facilitate the movement of critical infrastructure workers and supplies between jurisdictions.

In early April, Public Safety Canada released information entitled "Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada during the COVID-19 Pandemic," developed in consultation with provincial and territorial partners. DFC also provided input to both AAFC and Public Safety Canada which helped to inform this document.

The stated purpose of the guide is to help provinces, territories and municipalities protect their communities while maintaining the reliable operation of critical infrastructure services and functions to ensure the health, safety, and economic well-being of the population.

Aligning with this guidance, provinces have and continue to identify essential sectors to facilitate the movement of critical infrastructure workers and supplies between jurisdictions.

The majority of functions and services within the dairy value chain are reflected in the list under the 'Food' pillar. DFC has asked the federal government to also consider how best to equip any essential workers to travel within or across provincial boundaries, taking into account provincial authorities.

The guidance will continue to evolve and should not be considered a federal directive or standard at this time. Individual provinces maintain and enforce their own lists of essential services; however, in the event the federal government declares a national state of emergency, which would effectively centralize and consolidate powers, this document could supersede any provincial list.



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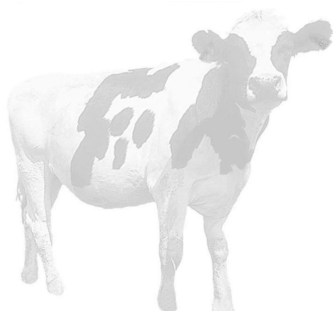
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Alberta Rolls out Revamped Ag Research Funding and Delivery Model

Source: *RealAgriculture*

Devin Dreeshen, Alberta's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, has announced the creation of Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR), a non-profit, arm's-length agriculture research organization.

The creation of RDAR is the result of consultation with farmers, industry, and key partners in the agricultural sector, the province says. It was established so that farmers, in collaboration with others involved in research, are best positioned to determine agricultural research priorities.

RDAR will replace previous research models, such as the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency (ALMA) and the Alberta Crop Industry Development Fund (ACIDF).

The new model is designed to reflect the priorities of farmers and ranchers and to ensure that agriculture research in Alberta achieves outcomes that can be applied in the field and on the ranch.

The arm's length group will have a regionally-representative advisory board that will assist an interim board to determine value, profitability, and areas of focus.

"We will make sure farmers direct research priorities. RDAR will ensure Alberta's agriculture industry has more financial flexibility and autonomy to fund longer-term projects. Governments shouldn't force an ideology on research priorities – research priorities should be determined by industry. Research can be a massive springboard for economic growth, and, with the right focus, RDAR can achieve that for Alberta's farmers and ranchers," says Minister Dreeshen.

Research funding will begin flowing by September 2020 and achieve full operational capacity by March 2021. \$2 million in funding through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership will be provided this year to support initial operations.

Dr. David Chalack has been named as interim board chair. Dr. Gerald Hauer will serve as interim CEO, and Clinton Dobson will act as interim research director.

New NRCB Application Forms

Source: *Natural Resources Conservation Board*

The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) has developed new and improved application forms for confined feeding operation permits.

The updates incorporate feedback received from applicants that will make the forms easier to use. The new forms are part of ongoing NRCB efforts to streamline our processes and improve our business practices.

You can find the new forms on the NRCB website, nrbc.ca, or by calling your nearest field office at the contact information below:

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Agriculture Centre
100, 5401 1st Ave S
Lethbridge AB T1J 4V6
Phone: 403-381-5166
Fax: 403-381-5806

Central

Provincial Building
303, 4920 - 51 Street
Red Deer AB T4N 6K8
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Fax: 403-340-5599

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Provincial Building
201, 10008 - 107 Street
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Phone: 780-939-1212
Fax: 780-939-3194

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Alberta Milk Donation to Local Food Banks

Source: Charmaine Blatz, Sponsorships and Events Coordinator

Alberta Milk worked with Food Banks Canada in donating \$15,000 to Alberta food banks. They will ensure the money goes to the people in the most need.

Jaimee Larson from Food Banks Canada says: "Thank you to Alberta Milk for the generous donation of \$15,000 to support food banks in Alberta. These funds will go toward purchasing milk for client hampers during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Alberta Milk is also working with Saputo in ensuring Alberta food banks have milk for their clients. We worked with Food Banks Canada to ensure the milk went to the food banks that have the greatest need. Our first donation of 2,000 litres (500 4 litre jugs) was shipped April 15 and we expect to continue donating in the coming weeks.



A delivery person drops off a donation of milk at a local food bank.

Paperless Pay Statement

Source: Sheldon Appleyard, IT Support Specialist

We are implementing a new option on the Members' Only website to opt-in to go paperless for your pay statement. When you opt-in to go paperless, we will stop mailing out a paper copy of your pay statement.

You will continue to receive an electronic copy of your pay statement on the producer website in the Document Manager section which will be kept for you to go back to at anytime. You can also download and save this copy or print it yourself for your records.

How to enable this feature

To turn on this feature, the primary account holder will need to sign into their account and go to the profile page. On the profile page under your contact information you will find a check box to opt-in to the new feature. Place a checkmark in the box and then click save button to save the account change. After you activate this feature you will receive a confirmation email afterwards confirming the change to your account.

You can also contact staff at Alberta Milk and we can enable the feature for you as well.

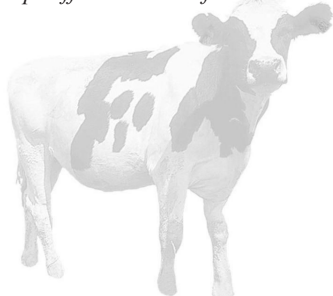


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Alberta Milk Scholarship Program

Source: Shelley Rietveld, Corporate Services

The Alberta Milk Scholarship was created to help sustain the dairy industry as it encourages students who study dairy or a related agriculture discipline that furthers the dairy industry.

Academic Institution

Any officially recognized post-secondary institution.

Year of Study

Any year in a diploma or bachelor's degree program or graduate studies.

Program of Study

Any post-secondary program, although preference will be given to studies in dairy/agriculture or related field.

Number and Value of Scholarships

One \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded Fall 2020.

Selection Criteria

- Students must be from the immediate family of an Alberta Milk member or sponsored by an Alberta Milk member. In case of sponsorship, a letter from the sponsoring Alberta Milk member must accompany this application indicating why the student should be considered for the Alberta Milk Scholarship.
- The applicant's field of study will be given primary consideration. Dairy education will be given highest preference. Agriculture and occupations furthering the dairy industry will be given the next highest consideration.
- The applicant's essay, scholastic achievement, leadership skills, community involvement and work experience will also be evaluated.
- The scholarship application must include the student's most recent post-secondary transcript, a resume and the required essay. The transcript can be sent separately.

- The essay must be no longer than 500 words and address the following topic: How do you intend to use your education to benefit the future of Alberta's dairy industry? In addition to your education, highlight how your volunteer and leadership experiences will assist you in contributing to a vibrant dairy industry.
- Essays will be evaluated for content and quality of thought.
- If a letter of recommendation from a current instructor or professor is included, the Selection Committee will consider it.

Contact

Shelley Rietveld
1303-91 Street SW
Edmonton, AB T6X 1H1
780-577-3302 or toll-free at 1-877-361-1231 ext. 3302

Selection Process

Alberta Milk Corporate Affairs Committee

Application Deadline

Please mail or courier all supporting documentation to the attention of Shelley Rietveld at the address provided above. The application, transcripts and supporting documents must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2020.

Alberta Milk would like to thank all applicants. However, only successful applicants will be contacted.



Marketing Update

Source: Marketing and Communications Staff

Breakfast on the Dairy Farm Update

As a result of COVID-19, the organizing teams of all three regional Breakfast on the Dairy Farm events have decided for the safety of everyone to cancel the events scheduled for 2020. We will continue to work with each region to offer events again in 2021. Thank you to everyone that has committed time to help organize these events and we hope you will consider helping again next year.

Alberta Milk Virtual Pen Pals

Alberta Milk has launched a virtual pen pal, where consumers can write a letter, submit it online on our website, and we'll connect them with a dairy farmer to start a pen pal relationship. We felt this would be an effective and fun way to work on reading and writing skills while the kids are at home, and also provide the opportunity for them to connect with our farmers. This is in addition to our Home Activity Guide you can find on our website. We encourage you to share the website, albertamilk.com/penpal in your community.

Alberta Milk Home Activity Guide

Alberta Milk launched an online activity guide for those isolating with kids at home. The site provides an abundance of free resources for parents of any age to learn more about where their milk comes from, from coloring sheets to videos and other activity pages. Please visit and share the new page at albertamilk.com/home-activities.

CUSMA Proceeding

Source: Karlee Conway, Marketing and Communications Manager and Dairy Farmers of Canada

Recently, Canada has given notice to the two other signatories, the United States and Mexico, to move forward with Canadian-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).

The agreement will come into force three months after the notification process has been completed within all three countries. With the US notification process before May 1st, the agreement will come into force on July 1, 2020, before the start of the new dairy year (August 1st), with significant impacts on the export caps for SMP, MPCs and infant formula. Furthermore, the first-year cap of 55,000 metric tons for skim milk powder and milk protein concentrates would come into effect immediately and apply for just a few weeks before the second-year cap of 35,000 metric tonnes is triggered.

This is a serious disappointment given all the other challenges the industry is facing. We are hopeful that the government will follow through on its commitments to support the dairy industry following the concessions under all the recent trade agreements. We will have discussions with the government once we get back to the new normal.

Support the Buttermaker's House!

The Buttermaker's House is a well-known site in Central Alberta and is located across from the Markerville Creamery.

Built in 1913 by Dan Morkeberg for the Creamery's Buttermaker, W.H. Jackson and his family, this is a beautiful house. However, it is in need of a restoration and are seeking support to preserve this historic dairy landmark.

Follow along their progress on Facebook by searching The Buttermaker's House Restoration. Please consider donating to this landmark at historicmarkerville.com/buttermaker-house.



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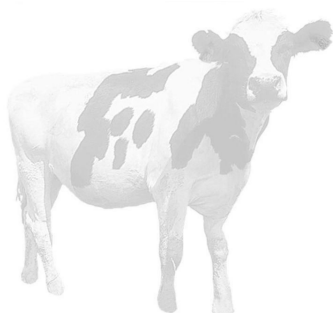
The new club year of the local Dairy 4H club has started. We welcome children age 6 till 21 years of age to join! For more information contact the leaders:

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Moos on the Moove
Anita Bikker-780-674-6293
mellowdale@hotmail.com

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Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions March 2020		
	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	3,285.00
Discarded	0.00	71,015.37
WMP	229,340.46	343,080.21
Interest	21,230.02	113.34
Metering	55,036.06	0.00
Trucking	0.00	1,375.00
Violations	83,914.57	0.00
Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids		(\$0.0031)

Average Milk Prices	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
Mar 2020	84.62
Feb	85.26
Jan	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

Provincial Average Components March 2020	
Butterfat	4.2614 kg/hl
Protein	3.2395 kg/hl
Other Solids	5.9106 kg/hl

2019-2020 Quota Exchange and Credit Transfer Deadlines		
Transfer Date	Quota Exchange	Credit Transfer
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) May 2020			
Milk Class	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids
Class 5a	5.8990	8.7434	0.5568
Class 5b	5.8990	2.8875	2.8875
Class 5c	4.9601	1.6013	1.6013
Class 5d	contract by contract price		
Class 4m	contract by contract price		

Provincial Milk Quality Averages		
Month	Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
Mar 2020	19,092	187,385



Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
Month	Total Transferred	Clearing Price /kg
May 2020	71.25	\$43,450
Apr	102.40	\$44,000
Mar	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

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price/ eligible kg
Apr 2020	62,116.92	\$6.07
Mar	126,533.10	\$10.20
Feb	103,551.99	\$8.70
Jan	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

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
Month	February	March	April	May	June
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
Alberta					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	96,850	96,947	92,285	91,886	90,943
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	89,054	92,186	90,110	93,430	99,248
Producer Quota (kg/day)	93,512	93,512	93,512	93,512	93,512
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	93,512	93,512	93,512	93,512	93,512
Cumulative Position (%)					
Producer Position (Days)	-6.17	-5.08	-5.53	-6.13	-7.01
Provincial Position (Days)	-10.49	-8.53	-8.00	-8.23	-10.26
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Western Milk Pool					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	276,521	277,080	271,183	268,362	265,175
Pool Quota (kg/day)	253,031	261,931	256,031	265,466	281,996
Cumulative Position (%)*	-0.79%	-0.32%	0.14%	0.23%	-0.27%
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 Update

Daily average production in March was 2.28 million litres, an increase of 3,358 litres (+0.15 per cent) over February. Provincial average butterfat density peaked at 4.3206 kg/hl in November and is on a seasonal decline. The provincial average butterfat density in March was 4.2614 kg/hl, a 0.05 per cent drop from February.

Comparing on an annual basis, there was +1.37 per cent growth in volume in the 12-month period ending March 2020 over the 12-month period ending March 2019; and a +2.72 per cent growth in butterfat production for the same period. See the chart below for the most recent 12-month trend.

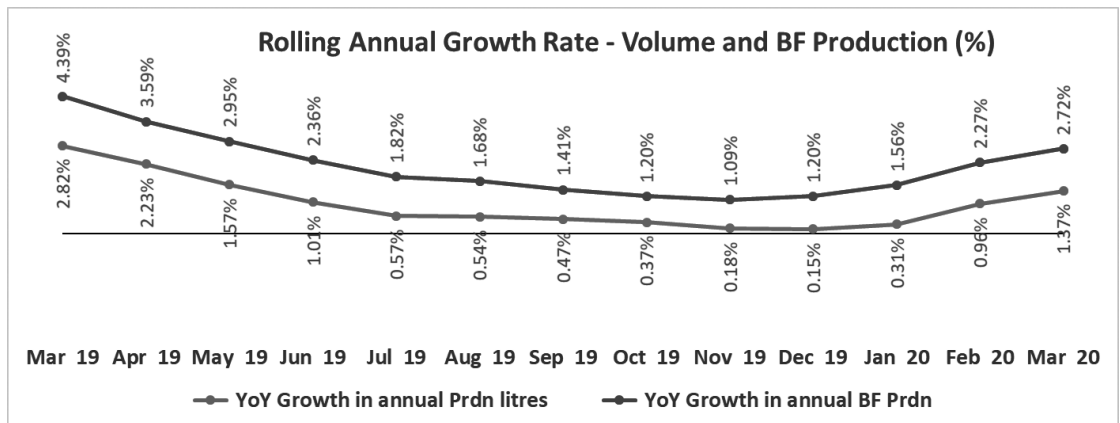
Quota Update

The WMP's rolling 12-month quota slightly increased by 0.40 per cent in February over January. Alberta's daily producer quota issuance rate in February 2019 was 93,512 kg/day (i.e. 97.50 per cent relative to past 12-month CDC quota allocation).

Provincial and Pools' Quota Utilization

Cumulative Quota Positions (CQP) as at the end of February 2020 for the WMP, P5 and P10 were -0.79, -0.47 and -0.66 per cent respectively.

The WMP over-produced its monthly CDC quota allotment by 681,102 kilograms of butterfat in February 2020 due to seasonality.





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