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Chair's Message

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chair

The fall is always a transitional time as we enjoy the fruits of our labour. It's also a time where we come together as a community to help get crops off before the snow flies. This collaborative spirit is also amplified now in the dairy industry as the new NAFTA (CUSMA) was implemented as of July 1. It has heightened our need to work together even more at a national level.

As you know, the Canadian milk requirements and quota issuance are measured at a P10 (national) level and each pool (WMP and P5) is held accountable for over and under production beyond flexibility limits. But in order to meet the demands of our changing environment due to CUMSMA, all provinces have now entered into a P10 pooling agreement. This means that the WMP and P5 pooling agreements are combined into a national (or P10) revenue sharing agreement. The goal of the P10 pooling agreement is to ensure each province within the P10 has the same price for butterfat, protein and other solids after revenue sharing. The agreement also includes cost sharing of various promotion initiatives and milk movement costs between the two pools.

Revenue and cost sharing represent a key risk management strategy for the dairy industry. As CUSMA joins the long list of trade agreements that have taken away a significant portion of our domestic dairy market (18 per cent), now more than ever it's imperative to mitigate risk via a P10 revenue sharing pool. This aligns

with the foundational principals of supply management of working together to manage risks.

Another reason behind this national scope is that trade agreements, such as the WTO, CETA, CPTPP and CUSMA, are negotiated on a national basis, not on a regional basis. This means that products can be imported into any Canadian jurisdiction. The only specification provided is to whether access is granted to retail or further processed products. Therefore, we are unable to quantify the impact imports will have to the Alberta or Western Canadian markets.

Dairy farmers are not the only ones in the supply chain who are working together to gain efficiencies; processors are also following a similar approach. We are seeing many processors consolidating product line manufacturing to reduce costs and maximize efficiencies.

Alberta will continue to work collaboratively with our WMP partners and the P10 to advance the Canadian dairy industry in these transitional times. While Alberta Milk represents the needs of Alberta's dairy producers, we do so in the context of being part of a community of over 10,000 farms from coast to coast.

our mission

Collaborating to build a thriving industry that produces high quality milk and dairy products within Canada's supply managed system.





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Board Report

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chair

The board met in person on July 22, 2020.

COVID-19 Update

The WMP, and especially Alberta continues to skim a significant amount of milk each week but fortunately no raw milk has had to be disposed. Although there are some signs of market recovery, the demand continues to move upwards very slowly. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in about an 80% decrease for milk and dairy products that were previously supplied to the food service industry. The Board continues to work closely with processors and the other provincial milk marketing boards in managing the milk supply and demand situation.

AGSAFE Alberta Society (ASAS) Representation

Miranda Verhoef will represent Alberta Milk in the upcoming work that the AGSafe Alberta Society is conducting.

AAF Inspection and Investigation Issues

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry staff from the Inspection and Investigation Section (IIS) sought Alberta Milk's support regarding high IBC-levels. IIS has produced a draft staff directive for working with producers who have consecutive IBC levels over 121,000. The board reviewed the document and supports Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's new Continual High IBC Directive.

Milk Quality Award

Alberta Milk's Animal Health and Environment Advisory Committee brought forward an option to the Board that in order for a producer to be eligible for milk quality awards, the producer must not have had any on-farm bulk tank rejections nor have been responsible for a load rejection at a processing plant during the month. The board supported the addition and suggested that recognition on the proAction program also be added. These changes were put into effect August 1, 2020.

Fall Producer Meetings

Source: Shelley Rietveld, Corporate Services Coordinator

Fall Producer Meetings will be small, in-person meetings that will be held across Alberta late this fall. **Pre-registration for the Fall Producer Meetings is mandatory.**

The board has decided that the Fall Producer meetings will be held over three days - October 27 to 29 in all regions. A total of six sessions will be offered in each region and producers will have the option of attending any of the six sessions. Two sessions will be offered per day: 8:30 am to 11:30 am or 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Due to Provincial Health Orders and hotel availability, we must limit the number of producers who can attend each session to 40 people. Stakeholder attendance will be limited to five individuals per session. Please note that lunch will not be served at any of the meetings. The Fall producer meeting sessions will be held as follows:

South Region

October 27, 28 and 29; Lethbridge Coast Hotel

Central Region

October 27 & 28; Lacombe Memorial Center
October 29; Pomeroy Hotel in Olds

North Region

October 27; Westlock Inn
October 28 and 29; Royal Hotel in Leduc

Annual General Meeting

Source: Shelley Rietveld, Corporate Services Coordinator

The 2020 AGM will proceed on November 18 via a "hybrid meeting"- part in person and part virtually. Delegates will be invited to participate in person while producers and industry will be invited to join virtually. **Pre-registration will be required.** If you do not register, Alberta Milk may not be able to accommodate you at the time of the meeting. Please note that due to current Provincial Health Orders, Alberta Milk will not be hosting the dairy conference this year. Continue to check your email and the Members' Only page over the next few weeks.

2020-2021 Alberta Milk Strategic Plan

Source: Tom Kootstra, Chair

The Alberta Milk Board has completed its strategic planning work and has updated the organization's vision, mission, values, priorities, strategic goals, key success factors, and key performance indicators:

Vision

Strategic partner in Canada's dairy industry.

Mission

Collaborating to build a thriving industry that produces high-quality milk and dairy products within Canada's supply managed system.

Aspirational Values

- **Collaboration-** *We work together for the Industry's success.*
- **Excellence-** *We never stop improving.*
- **Knowledge-** *We use data to inform our decision-making.*
- **Customer Service-** *We obsess over service.*

Strategic Priorities

1. Processors Capacity & Market Access
2. Strategic Partnerships
3. Preserve Supply Managed Policy Framework
4. Understanding & Adapting to Consumer Evolving Needs
5. High Quality Milk

Goals

1. Ensure high-quality milk is consistently produced to meet processor and consumer demands for dairy products.
2. Advocate for supply management.
3. Work together across the value chain for the Industry's success.
4. Lead and influence alongside provincial, regional, and national organizations.
5. Alberta's marketing and promotion work is conducted within a national framework.
6. Develop innovative solutions to increase efficiencies and effectiveness in the industry.
7. Model good governance and efficient resource management.

Key Success Factors

- Strategic Focus
- Strategic Advocacy
- Industry Relationship Management
- Risk Management
- Informed Decision-Making

Key Performance Indicators

1. Sustainable Growth Metrics
2. Herd Health & Management
3. Consumer Confidence
4. Stakeholder Satisfaction
5. Regulatory Metrics
6. Strategic Alignment
7. Board Effectiveness
8. Financial Metrics



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DFC Continues to Push for Government Announcement of Formal Compensation Plans

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada, edited by Alberta Milk Staff

Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) continues to urge the federal government, prior to the fall budget, to provide details and specific payment schedules for compensation owed for the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), and a clear timeline and level of compensation for its promise on the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA). Under CUSMA, the equivalent of an additional 3.9% of the Canadian domestic milk production was provided in import access to US dairy products.

DFC continues to reiterate the need for the government to follow through on its commitments for compensation to offset the effects of recent trade agreements. In addition, DFC has requested further resources for the Canadian Border Services Agency and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to ensure they have the training and tools needed to effectively enforce dairy import regulations and standards at the Canadian border, and ensure the same measures are upheld in dairy processing facilities seeking to export into Canada.

Other advocacy initiatives

A long series of tactics have been initiated to ensure that promises to Canadian dairy farmers are delivered, and several of these initiatives have been implemented. Measures undertaken so far include meetings with government officials as well as organizing virtual meetings with Members of Parliament from all parties to reiterate our requests, ensure a clear understanding of our asks and keep them updated on the challenges dairy is currently facing. DFC is also working closely with all provincial milk organizations to work at the grassroots level, as needed.

CUSMA interim allocation and administration of Tariff Rate Quotas

Following consultations with industry and DFC, on June 15th, the government announced interim Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQs) for CUSMA, which entered into force on July 1st, 2020. These TRQs establish how the import access is allocated by product category to parties within the supply chain such as processors and distributors. The majority of these new TRQs have been allocated to processors, similar to the current allocation of TRQs in place under CPTPP. Unlike CETA, there is no allocation for retail, which is something which DFC had advocated against with the government.

This is positive, as allocating the majority of TRQs to Canadian processors helps to ensure that more imported dairy products complement products produced in Canada, instead of duplicating them or directly competing with them. This decision reflects joint recommendations by Dairy Processors Association of Canada (DPAC) and DFC on this issue.

Meanwhile, the second phase of the broader public consultation on the long-term allocation and administration of TRQs for the World Trade Organization (WTO), CETA, CPTPP, and CUSMA was put on hold in early May until further notice amid the COVID-19 pandemic. DFC has already met with officials from Global Affairs Canada to discuss the different proposed options and is carefully monitoring any next steps.



Mental Health in Ag

Source: Kelsie Gilks, Marketing and Communications Specialist

As many farmers across the province face the reality of the challenging weather that we've experienced this summer, the pressure might feel like it's starting to build relative to harvest and projected yields. Some industry experts have said that 2020 is expected to be the worst harvest in 18 years, which, compounded with the stressors due to COVID-19 might leave many experiencing heightened levels of stress.

Do More Ag is a national non-profit organization that cares about the mental health and mental wellbeing of Canadians that work in agriculture. Do More Ag strives to offer a community where producers feel supported, empowered, and encouraged to look after their mental health.

Agriculture is an industry built on the foundation of hard work, long days, community, and most of all, resilience. All of these factors can lead farmers to feel like they can't speak up, seek help, or are vulnerable if they ask for help. The reality is that given the challenges the world is facing today; stress, anxiety, depression, emotional exhaustion, and burnout are more prevalent than ever.

Do More Ag works hard to make a substantial impact on the stigma of mental health of those who work in agriculture to ensure they know they're not alone.

If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available. Visit www.domore.ag/resources for more information and specifics about what is available in Alberta, and across the country.

Blue Cow Protection Masks

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Dairy farmers have worked harder than ever to help feed Canadians at one of the most challenging times in our history, while maintaining their commitments to milk quality, food safety and responsible production practices. To help our community stay safe, DFC is offering two FREE face masks to hardworking Canadian dairy farmers. Contact the following address for more info: info.clients@dfc-plc.ca. Please note that this offer applies to Canadian dairy farms for one order of two free face masks per farm, while quantities last. Masks can also be purchased in The Blue Cow Shop online store!



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proAction® - Resources for Cattle Assessment Measures

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction® Coordinator

The August *Milking Times* article on proAction® highlighted the upcoming changes in continuous improvement for the cattle assessment question of the Animal Care module. If you are looking to improve on any of the cattle assessment measures, you may find Dairy Farmers of Canada's (DFC) three new resources helpful. These resources can help you to identify areas on the farm that may be the cause of lower assessment scores.

Hock, Knee and Neck Injuries

Injuries compromise cow comfort and negatively impact the cow's productivity and longevity. In fact, depending on their severity, these injuries can reduce cow mobility, dry matter intake, milk production, and even impair reproduction.

Important factors contributing to injuries are:

- Stall design
- Stall base
- Stall bedding
- Animal handling
- Limited pasture access

This document provides several corrective actions that are associated with prevention, detection and control in the areas of housing, environment, management, and services.

Body Condition Score

Body condition directly influences productivity, health, welfare and longevity. For example, cows that lose excessive body condition in early lactation are at increased risk for sole ulcers.

The type of corrective action required will be based on the proportion of the herd affected. If more than 15 per cent of cows are too thin, a change in herd management may be required, whereas if less than 15 per cent of cows are too thin, an individual cow approach may be needed.

Lameness

Lameness refers to any painful condition which causes a cow to change the way she walks. Decreased mobility results in a decrease in dry matter intake, resulting in a drop in production and impairs reproduction. Lameness can be caused by non-infectious and infectious foot lesions.

Non-infectious:

- Sole ulcers
- White line lesion
- Injury
- Laminitis

Infectious:

- Digital dermatitis
- Interdigital dermatitis (heel erosion)
- Interdigital phlegmon (foot rot)

This document also provides several corrective actions that are associated with the prevention, detection and control in the areas of management, services, housing, environment, and nutrition.

To receive a digital or paper copy of any of these three resources, please contact Morgan Hobin at 780-577-3318 or mhobin@albertamilk.com



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



DRECA September Conversation

Source: Kira McMillan, Interim Research and Extension Coordinator

The Dairy Research and Extension Consortium of Alberta (DRECA) is a partnership among Alberta Milk, the universities of Alberta and Calgary, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Lakeland College and the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association to advance research and extension in the Alberta dairy industry.

The September DRECA conversation is on infectious diseases in dairy farms. Disease management on farm is essential to maintain a high standard of animal welfare, biosecurity, milk quality, and economic sustainability. Due to a recent outbreak of *Mycoplasma bovis* on a dairy farm in Alberta, DRECA contacted industry experts across Canada to put together a knowledge summary. This article covers how to identify symptoms of *M. bovis* infections, how to prevent the spread, and how to manage an outbreak on farm. DRECA also interviewed Dr. Betty-Jo Bradley from Livestock Vet Services in Picture Butte for her experience with this infectious disease.

As well, this month DRECA has updates on the research programs of Dr. Herman Barkema and Dr. Jeroen De Buck from the University of Calgary. Dr. Barkema was recently re-appointed as a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Industrial Research Chair in Infectious Diseases of Dairy Cattle and Dr. De Buck was recently awarded an NSERC Collaborative Research and Development position in Bacterial Diseases of Dairy Cattle. These two articles are an update on their research directions and future projects in the area of disease management on dairy farms.

You can view this conversation and past extension conversations, research summaries, videos and webinars in the For Industry tab at albertamilk.com.

New Opportunities for Alberta Livestock Sector

Source: Alberta Agriculture, edited by Alberta Milk Staff

Amendments to the Meat Inspection Regulation will cut red tape and provide Albertans with greater access to locally produced meat while maintaining food safety. These changes give operators more flexibility to meet legislated requirements and increase consumer access to high-quality local products.

“Alberta produces the world’s best beef, pork, and poultry products, and Albertans want better access to these products. The common-sense changes will also provide new economic opportunities for Alberta ranchers and provincial abattoirs. Albertans value knowing where their food comes from and are proud to support local farm families.” Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

The changes come as a result of consultation with industry and other stakeholders and include:

- Increased licensing options for personal use slaughter. Consumers can now buy an animal direct from the farm and have the animal slaughtered on-site for their personal consumption.
- Allowing provincially licensed meat facilities to salvage and sell meat by-products. As a result, abattoirs will be able to expand into markets that use meat by-products for human consumption, pet food, and wildlife bait.
- Allowing for video pre-slaughter inspections in emergency situations. Abattoirs won’t have to wait for an appointed inspector to arrive in person on-farm to perform an inspection if animal welfare is at stake.

Since 1973, the Meat Inspection Regulation and the *Meat Inspection Act* have provided oversight for animal slaughter and meat processing in Alberta. The legislation also provides authority for abattoir and mobile butcher licensing.



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DFC Launches Refreshed Online Store: The Blue Cow Shop

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) is pleased to announce its refreshed online store, relaunched as *The Blue Cow Shop*, a new name designed to amplify the Blue Cow logo. The store launched on August 17th, just in time for the back to school season.

Emphasis has been placed on Canadian-made products, making this site a destination where Canadian dairy supporters can find their favorite official merchandise.

By offering official Blue Cow logo-branded items designed for both consumers and producers, The Blue Cow Shop is intended to nurture and add visibility to Canadian's pride in its dairy industry.

The Blue Cow Shop was created with user experience in mind. It is integrated with the existing Dairy Farmers of Canada website and was designed to effortlessly guide consumers through each phase of their shopping experience, ensuring the process is both engaging and easy.

Visit the new Blue Cow Shop at <https://dairyfarmersofcanada.ca/en/canadian-goodness/blue-cow-shop>



Economics of Milk Production in Alberta, 2019

Source: Pauline Van Biert, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

The annual *Economics of Milk Production* publication provides information on the costs and returns of producing milk in Alberta.

With thanks to the participating dairy farmers on the annual dairy cost study, the *Economics of Milk Production, 2019* is now complete. Weighted sample averages are calculated using the Dairy Cost Study dataset, resulting in this Alberta benchmark report. This report can be used by dairy farmers as a reference to compare to their own performance levels/targets and for those interested in the dairy industry in Alberta.

In 2019, the total cost of producing a hectolitre - 100 litres - of milk was \$82.54 – an increase of three per cent from 2018. This value may be easier to understand as just under \$8,300 per cow per year (not including cost for quota).

On average, feeding a dairy cow for a year costs about \$3,600 and is by far the highest contributor to total costs at 43.6 percent. Variable expenses contribute about 24.9 per cent, 16.7 per cent toward capital expenses, and 14.8 per cent to labour.

The price for forages (especially hay) and barley grain continued to be high through 2019 as it was a challenging growing and harvest season with both wet and dry pockets across the province.

Many dairy farmers are able to grow their own feeds, however, in 2019, the percentage of homegrown feeds dropped from the year before to only 60 per cent of roughage – hay, silage – being homegrown and only eight per cent of feed grains – mainly barley. Good quality feed is necessary to maintain the health and productivity of the dairy cows and mixed dairy rations along with vitamins and minerals supplement roughages fed, bringing extra costs. Dairy farmers work closely with nutritionists to keep feed balances in check.

The 2019 study also found:

- There was a significant jump from 2018 in total investment dollars per cow. Dairy farms are investing to expand production capacity, efficiencies and sustainability to meet quota requirements and address labour challenges.
- The average herd size in Alberta is 189 cows. Responding to market demands, total milk production increased 15 per cent from the previous year. This reflects positive herd management in cow health, nutrition, and comfort to maintain productivity levels.
- Return to equity - gross income less total production cost – was relatively unchanged from 2018. Milk price increased by about three per cent however, these gains were enough to offset increased input costs and debt obligations.

There is quite a variety of dairy farms in Alberta. Further analysis of the data collected from the Dairy Cost Study revealed a 22 per cent range between the highest and lowest cost producers. The categories most affecting this difference are total feed costs and more significantly the cost of labour. Further analysis of top, middle, and bottom third groups based on various production factors is included in the publication.

Reference supplemental factsheets and read *The Economics of Milk Production, 2019* available for download at alberta.ca under publications. For more information about the Dairy Cost Study or a printed copy of the study, contact Pauline Van Biert at 780-415-2153 or pauline.vanbiert@gov.ab.ca.

2019 Breakeven Credit Price Analysis

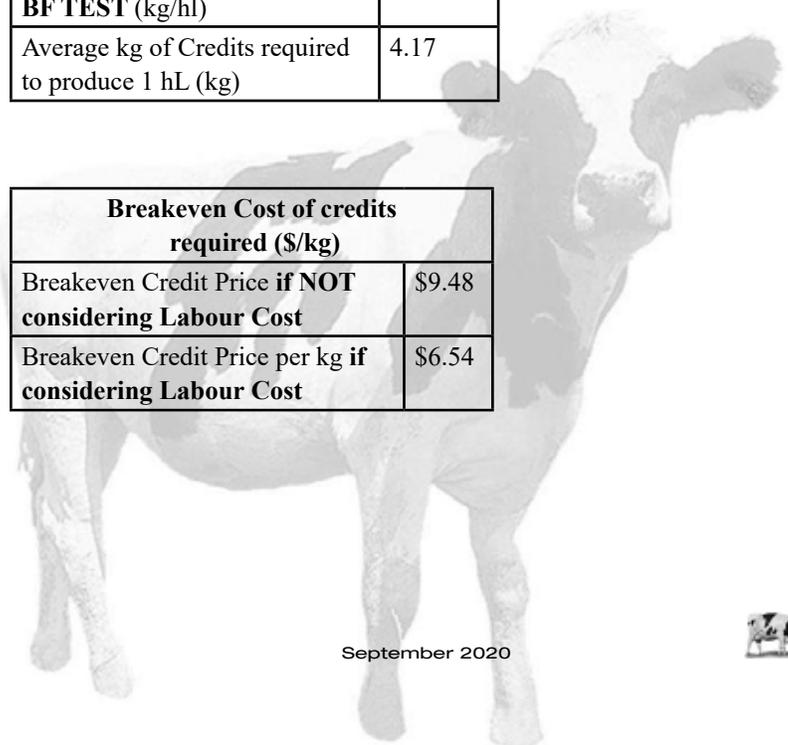
Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Alberta Milk conducted a breakeven-price analysis for production credits based on the results of the 2019 Alberta Dairy Cost Study and the outcome is as follows.

The analysis revealed that the breakeven credit price for the average dairy farm in Alberta is \$6.54 per kg if we consider the cost of labour, or \$9.48 per kg if we do not consider labour cost. This implies the average producer runs at a loss if they pay more than \$6.54 (or \$9.48) per kg for credits depending on whether the producer wishes to account for labour cost. More details are presented in the table below.

Based on 2019 Dairy Cost Study Data	
Average Income per HL of Milk	\$82.14
<i>Cost of Feed and Veterinary Services per hL</i>	<i>\$42.60</i>
<i>Total (family + hired) Labour Cost per hL</i>	<i>\$12.24</i>
Net Revenue if NOT considering Labour Cost	\$39.54
Net Revenue if considering Labour Cost	\$27.30
Dec 2019 12-month Average BF TEST (kg/hl)	4.1714%
Average kg of Credits required to produce 1 hL (kg)	4.17

Breakeven Cost of credits required (\$/kg)	
Breakeven Credit Price if NOT considering Labour Cost	\$9.48
Breakeven Credit Price per kg if considering Labour Cost	\$6.54



Dairy Production Statistics

Producer Pool Additions/Deductions July 2020

	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Calibration	0.00	4,635.00
Discarded	0.00	18,873.97
WMP	108,905.60	419,750.55
Interest	7,924.39	0.00
Metering	60,028.45	0.00
Trucking	0.00	1,675.00
Violations	43,798.78	0.00
Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids		(\$0.0245)

Average Milk Prices

Month	TPQ \$/hL
July 2020	79.31
June	82.07
May	82.46
Apr	83.57
Mar	84.62
Feb	85.26
Jan	85.70
Dec	84.92
Nov	85.39
Oct	84.94
Sep	81.99
Aug	80.38

2020-21 Quota Exchange and Credit Transfer Deadlines

Transfer Date	Quota Exchange	Credit Transfer
Sep 1	Aug 17	Sep 23
Oct 1	Sep 16	Oct 23
Nov 1	Oct 16	Nov 23
Dec 1	Nov 16	Dec 22

Provincial Average Components July 2020

Butterfat	4.0797 kg/hl
Protein	3.1534kg/hl
Other Solids	5.9121 kg/hl

Provincial Milk Quality Averages July 2020

Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
22,406	199,115

Dairy Production Statistics



Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
Month	Total Transferred	Clearing Price /kg
Sep 2020	45.60	\$48,500
Aug	1.36	\$49,255
Jul	14.21	\$46,650
Jun	2.00	\$44,100
May	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

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price/eligible kg
Jul 2020	68,300.70	\$8.07
Jun	45,891.26	\$7.35
May	50,730.18	\$6.02
Apr	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

deadlines

quota transfers

September 16,
2020 at 4:30 p.m.

credit transfers

September 23,
2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
Alberta					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	92,286	90,310	90,405	91,455	92,558
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	94,668	88,824	96,855	98,896	102,679
Producer Quota (kg/day)	90,771	90,771	90,771	90,771	90,771
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	90,771	90,771	96,627	108,925	108,339
Cumulative Position (%)					
Producer Position (Days)	-4.22	-4.45	-5.66	-6.50	-6.98
Provincial Position (Days)	-8.85	-8.04	-9.44	-11.5	-14.13
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Western Milk Pool					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	263,742	259,640	255,279	259,404	263,551
Pool Quota (kg/day)	268,981	252,379	275,197	280,994	291,745
Cumulative Position (%)*	-0.30%	-0.07%	0.70%	-1.36%	-2.26%
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.



Alberta Production and Quota Update

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Production Update:

Daily average production in July was 2.21 million litres, a decrease of 44,346 litres (-1.96 per cent) over June's 2.26 million litres. The provincial average butterfat density peaked at 4.3206 kg/hl in November and is on a seasonal decline. The provincial average butterfat density in July was 4.0807 kg/hl, a 0.18 per cent drop from June.

Comparing on an annual basis, there was 0.60 per cent growth in volume in the 12-month period ending July 2020 over the 12-month period ending July 2019 and a 1.94 per cent growth in butterfat production for the same period.

Quota Update:

The WMP's rolling 12-month quota increased by 0.56 per cent in June over May. Alberta's daily producer quota issuance rate in June 2020 was 90,771 kg/day (i.e. 95.24 per cent relative to past 12-month CDC quota allocation).

Pool's Quota Utilization:

Cumulative Quota Positions (CQP) as at the end of June 2020 for the WMP, P5 and P10 were -0.30, -0.26 and -0.41 per cent respectively.

The WMP under-produced its monthly CDC quota allotment by 222,441 kilograms of butterfat in June 2020.

Receive Milk Test Results via Email

Source: Sheldon Appleyard, IT Support Specialist

An important aspect of dairy farmers' responsibilities is managing milk quality. Alberta Milk is here to help by providing milk test results on the Members' Only website. Did you know that you have an option to receiving your milk test results through email notification? The notification can be configured to send notifications based on specific test levels, or to send notifications for all test results, when they're available.

Producers that would like to receive their milk test results via email are able to set up notifications by visiting the producer notification page on the Members Only website. Detailed instructions, including images, are available on page 14 of the user manual which is available in the document manager section.

For questions or assistance with setting up email notifications, please contact Sheldon Appleyard (sappleyard@albertamilk.com, 780-577-3319).

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