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## Chair's Message

Source: Stuart Boeve, Chair

I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone that took the time to attend our spring producer meetings. While I understand that for many producers in-person meetings are their preference, I appreciate everyone's understanding and flexibility of having to be fully virtual this year due to Alberta Health Services regulations. I know we all look forward to a good handshake and enjoying a cup of coffee together and I look forward to getting back to that hopefully this fall. That being said, we have heard producers express their desire to keep the virtual format as well as it removes the barrier of travel time.

With over 50 per cent of farms attending our virtual spring meetings, over 70 per cent of producers in attendance indicated that they were satisfied with the meetings overall.

As there were five meetings, I'd like to take this opportunity to report on some of the main topics we discussed as well as what we heard from you. Supplementary information, including the slides, survey results, and video of one of the meetings are available on the Members' Only page.

The breakout groups were a great way to spark conversation and gather valuable feedback. Throughout the five meetings, we captured the main themes we heard from producers from each breakout question. You can review the detailed breakdown on the Members' Only page.

Question 1: How can Alberta Milk be a strategic partner in Canada's dairy industry?

- Collaborate with processors to gain a better understanding of what working with them means and ensure that we don't exclusively focus on big or small.
- There was a continued desire to work together as a Western Milk Pool (WMP) and better align policies and seek improvements in transportation and marketing. We also need to start working as a P10. Dairy Innovation West (DIW) is an important factor for the WMP.
- It's important to have a national voice and a national approach to a variety of topics. Dairy farming in Canada is no longer regional- everyone needs to work to see the bigger, national, picture.
- Alberta needs to be a leader.

Question 2: How can Alberta Milk better ensure that it is hearing the input from all producers?

- Utilize producer surveys to gather feedback and share the results and what is being done with the feedback.
- Producer meetings are an effective way to engage in both virtual and in-person settings
  - Additional comments from the survey were supportive of the breakout sessions as they found it offered some of the quieter producers with an opportunity to speak up and share their opinions.

## 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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- Offering additional lines of communication between the board and producers.
- Producers were pleased with the communication during COVID-19.
- Desire to share quota changes sooner and more information on production.

Question 3: How should the dairy industry respond to changing consumer preferences on issues such as animal care, environmental impacts of dairy farming and palm fat usage?

- It's important to be transparent. It won't always please everyone but it's important to share our story for those who want to know it.
- Consumers concerns need to be at the top of our list- they have a lot of control and influence over what we do and how we do it, including with processors. Response to their concerns needs to be backed by science but shared in a way that resonates with them. They need to trust us- it's not enough to just say we're doing things; they need to believe we are doing those things. We need to have better risk management control or assessment for future issues so that there's an actionable plan when the next thing comes up.
- Sharing a strategy with producers so that they're aware of how to share the national message in an appropriate way would be helpful to get accurate information out in the public.
- Social media is powerful as information can spread very quickly, which ties back to the importance of having a united voice throughout the country.
- proAction is a great program and more information about it needs to be shared.

I wish you all the best during seeding season and hope mother nature is kind to all the farmers across Canada this year.

## Security Webinar

Source: Karlee Conway, Marketing and Communications Manager

You are invited to join a complimentary two-hour security webinar hosted on May 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Due to current increasing risk and threat of actions at animal-use facilities in Canada, it is prudent to assess your property security and how (if necessary) you can improve security at your site.

A new security manual for producers is being developed for Alberta Milk and will be released in conjunction with this webinar.

The manual and webinar are intended to be used as tools to assist you in implementing processes to mitigate risks at your property, by:

- assessing your overall security processes;
- identifying gaps;
- implementing improvements to ensure your property is as secure as possible to mitigate risk of intrusion, vandalism, or theft;
- using hiring best practices;
- providing tips on being secure while online and using social media platforms; and
- understanding Alberta laws around trespassing.

While many are concerned about protecting their properties from special interest groups/vegan activists/animal-use abolitionist risk, security policies and procedures exist to offer overall security against any threat and multiple risks.

This two-hour webinar is designed to provide details of the security manual, practical tips on identifying gaps and implementing improvements, as well as an opportunity to answer questions you may have about security protocols and procedures.

Registration is now open. The link is available on the Members' Only page and will close on May 25 at 4 p.m. Your CDC number is required for registration. Once your account has been validated, a link will be sent 24 hours before the webinar.



## Credit-Sale Restriction Policy

Source: Jonathan Ntoni, Policy Analyst

Alberta Milk is governed by the following Quota Governance and Management Principles as developed in 2017 by the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council:

- The marketing board has the full legal responsibility and accountability for quota that is allocated to the province.
- Quota is a producer's responsibility, authorized by the marketing board, to fulfill the market demand obligations of the industry.
- Producers have the full responsibility to be actively engaged in producing the quota that they have been allocated by the marketing board.
- Marketing boards cannot assign monetary value to quota.
- The intention of quota is to ensure the market demands for the regulated product are met in a timely and orderly fashion.

As part of Alberta Milk's responsibility to manage production to meet market demand, producers were consulted in person and via an online survey on options to ensure that producers meet their responsibility to produce their quota holdings in a timely and orderly fashion. Using this feedback, the board decided to implement a 10 per cent Credit-Sale Restriction (CSR) policy, effective August 1, 2021. This decision was communicated to producers in a variety of means including an all producer email, the November 2020 edition of *Milking Times* and subsequent bi-weekly e-blasts.

The 10 per cent CSR policy means that, starting August 1, 2021, producers can only sell up to 10 per cent of their eligible annual quota credits in a rolling 12-month period. The CSR policy is also subject to the issuance of incentive days and credit-day restrictions to either incent or reduce production. The policy only applies to the sale of credits. Credit sales prior to August 1, 2021 will not be considered when implementing the policy.

## Calculation Method:

- Rolling annual cumulative credit sales refers to the rolling sum of a producer's most recent 12-month credit sales (including credit sales in the current month).
- Rolling annual quota eligibility refers to the rolling 12-month average of daily quota holdings multiplied by the number of days in that 12-month period (i.e. 365 or 366 days).
- The rolling annual quota eligibility number will not include any quota eligibility before September 1, 2020. For farms with less than 12 months of historical continuous daily quota (CDQ) data, the average CDQ (for whatever amount of historical data is available, including current month) will be used and multiplied by the number of days in that 12-month period (i.e. 365 or 366 days).
- The 10 per cent CSR limit is calculated by multiplying the rolling annual quota eligibility by 10 per cent.
- A producer's rolling annual cumulative credit sales cannot exceed 10 per cent of their rolling annual quota eligibility.
- A CSR calculator will be made available on the Members' Only page so you can explore how the policy may impact your farm.

If you have any technical questions please contact Cristin Vollrath at 780-577-3312 or Jonathan Ntoni at 780-577-3313.



### deadlines

#### quota transfers

May 18, 2021 at  
4:30 p.m.

#### credit transfers

May 25, 2021 at  
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## Are you Prepared for an Emergency?

Source: *Alberta Milk Emergency Disease Response Handbook*

How big is your imagination? Preparing for every imaginable emergency or the variance that you could face would be a daunting task, however there are many aspects of a general emergency plan that will apply to many situations. Being prepared for an emergency is necessary due diligence for farm operators.

Developing a response plan prior to an emergency and reviewing the response plan on a regular basis will ensure a degree of preparedness for your operation. An emergency response plan can be broken into a few simple elements.

### Farm Objectives

Farm owners are responsible for the safety of personnel and residents, relative to risks that are within their capacity to control or mitigate. In the event of an emergency, your objectives may be: avoid or minimize animal loss, avoid or limit impacts of the event spreading from the farm, minimize property losses, minimize animal health and welfare impacts (disease introduction/spread, animal stress), regain normal operations at the farm. First responders address human life and public property first; animals or private property are a lower priority to them.

### Farm Plan

First responders need to know the unique features of your farm and where key items are located. Your farm plan can be created from a one-page aerial photo or a hand-drawn schematic. Mark out the boundaries and add key items critical to effective emergency management: buildings, hazardous materials, north arrow, meeting place, access points, manure pits, etc. You may already have prepared this for your Environmental Farm Plan.

### Work Cycle

Knowing and outlining daily flows on and off the farm will prove to be valuable during an emergency as it will enable both producers and

response personnel to have an understanding of what flows may be disrupted in the event of an emergency: movement of people, milk pick up, feed delivery, shipment of animals, etc.

### Inventory

Knowing the equipment and personnel resources available at your operation, and the general livestock inventory, allows first responders and other emergency management professionals to be more effective in managing an emergency on the farm: the number of people living on farm, the number of people working on farm (staff contact list), useful equipment available: skid steer, loader, generator, first-aid, PPE, etc.

### On-Farm Decision Makers and Staff

Who are the primary contacts for the farm business who are authorized to make major decisions? Are there other key players within the farm's business that are key to the operation and whom first responders will also need to be able to contact about specific areas of the operation?: property owner, livestock owner(s), quota holder, Alberta Milk, veterinarian, municipality, irrigation district, utility provider, etc.

### Establish a Relationship with First Response Agencies

Have you established relationships with the various first response organizations likely to be involved in, or directing an emergency regarding your operation? The fire department is a good place to start. Do you know who these organizations and possibly individuals are? Some others are Alberta Milk, chief provincial veterinarian (disease outbreak), and Alberta Emergency Management Agency (natural disaster). Do they know who you are and the nature of your business? Of particular interest will be your farm plan, farm inventory, and internal contact lists.

If you would like more detailed information or a copy of the *Emergency Disease Response Handbook*, please contact Jodi Flaig at [jflaig@albertamilk.com](mailto:jflaig@albertamilk.com).



## Experienced a Catastrophic Event?

Source: Cristin Vollrath, Quota Coordinator

Have you experienced an unforeseen event on farm? Has this event severely disrupted or halted your dairy operation? Did you know about Alberta Milk's *Catastrophic Events Policy* on page 16 of the *Producer Handbook*?

A copy of the *Producer Handbook* can be found on the Members' Only page.

### What Qualifies as a Catastrophic Event?

- The severe illness, injury, disability, or death of the registered producer or of the main operator of the farm.
- The destruction of, or severe damage to, the production facilities (severe weather/fire).
- The sudden death of a significant portion of the producing herd.
- The severe infection of the producing herd by an uncontrollable disease.
- The presence of a disease that requires the slaughter of the producing herd by health authorities.

### What Next?

Any producer who experiences a catastrophe on farm should immediately notify Alberta Milk when it is safe and appropriate to do so. If the event has an impact on the management of the farm or quota, Alberta Milk will work with the affected producer to resolve or make accommodations until such time as the producer is able to resume regular operations.

If you have questions, please contact Cristin Vollrath at [cvollrath@albertamilk.com](mailto:cvollrath@albertamilk.com) or 780-577-3312.

## Palm Fat Supplement Update

Source: Kelsie Gilks, Marketing and Communications Specialist

In collaboration with Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) and the other provinces, Alberta Milk continues to monitor consumer concerns and media coverage surrounding the usage of palm fat supplements in the Canadian dairy industry. The expert working group continues to thoroughly complete their work to provide a final report. It is important that the working group is given adequate time to properly assess all the information available. Their final report is expected this fall.

The members of the expert working group are:  
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Richard Bazinet, PhD  
David Kelton, DVM, PhD  
Rachel Gervais, PhD, agr.  
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If you have any questions about this situation, please contact Karlee Conway at [kconway@albertamilk.com](mailto:kconway@albertamilk.com) or 780-577-3305.



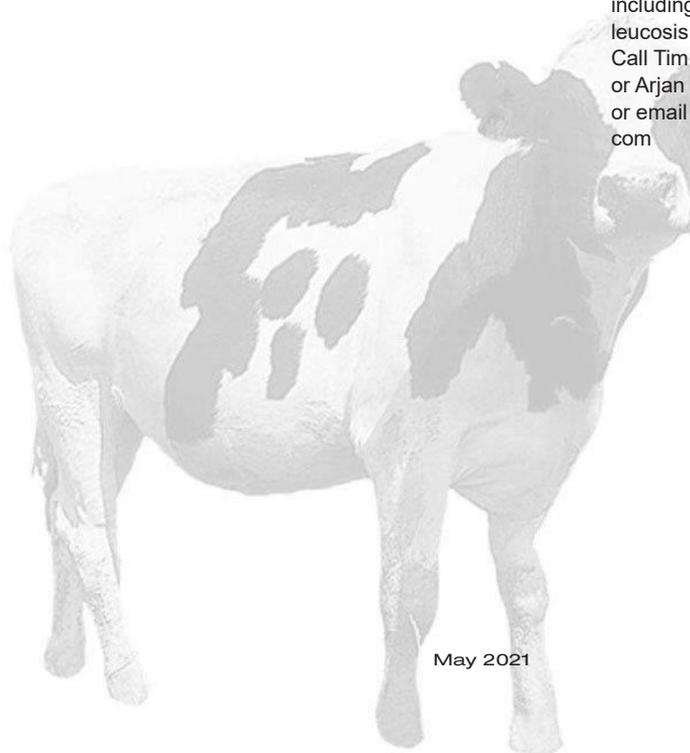
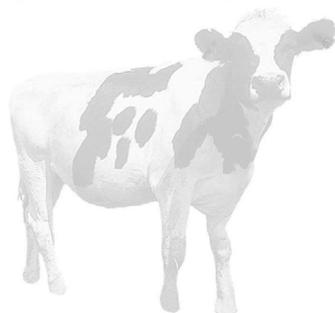
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## Marketing Update

Source: Marketing and Communications Team

### Dairy Month

June is Dairy Month all around the world. It started as a way to distribute extra milk during the warm months of summer and by 1939, June became the official “dairy month”, kicking off with World Milk Day on June 1. We continue to enjoy celebrating our favourite product. Please watch for more information on Alberta Milk’s social media accounts so that you can join in on the celebration.

### Local Farmers Spotlited on CTV

Starting on World Milk Day (June 1) you will start to see Alberta Milk’s featured segment on CTV Edmonton and CTV Calgary for Fields to Forks. This 6-week campaign will highlight how our dairy farmers take excellent care of their cows and the environment while continuing to produce some of the highest quality milk in the world.

### Butter Chicken

Alberta Milk and *Culinaire Magazine* teamed up to hunt down the best butter chicken in Calgary. We encouraged Calgarians to get out in their communities (while following guidelines) to hopefully find the best butter chicken. This initiative speaks to the local foodie community and helps support local restaurants.

### Beer and Cheese

This summer, we are bringing together amazing Alberta cheese makers with craft breweries around the province to create the perfect partnership. This partnership will offer a unique cheese pairing to ensure you get the most flavour out of your beer while also finding another way to enjoy one of the many things Alberta has to offer: cheese. It’s where craft beer meets craft cheese.

### Cook with Meg- Summer Camps

We have partnered with online influencer and foodie, Cook with Meg, to help bring education and fun cooking creativity to

children and teens in Alberta. Meg’s online cooking, baking, and cooking-baking combo summer camps are a great way to get young chefs into the kitchen and exploring new skills.

### Hanna Holstein

Have you met Hanna Holstein yet? Hanna joined the Alberta Milk social media team about six months ago and is fitting in moovelously. She is a social media influencer that shares content tailored to our millennial and Gen Z audiences. Hanna share’s information about the dairy in a fun, engaging, and non-invasive way. She is funny, relatable, and from the prairies. If you’d like to follow Hanna, you can find her @HannaSaysMoo on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

### Dairy News

Have you heard of our monthly online Dairy Newsletter? It is the best way to keep up to date with what Alberta Milk is up to in marketing and where you can find us in the community. If you’d like to sign up to receive Dairy News please visit the Members’ Only page or email Jaime Elias at [jelias@albertamilk.com](mailto:jelias@albertamilk.com).

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# proAction® Reminder: Cattle Assessment Continuous Improvement Requirements

Source: Morgan Hobin, proAction Coordinator

The changes in continuous improvement for the cattle assessment question of the Animal Care module came into effect March 2021. These changes will generally be applied to producers' third-round assessment.

Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) and the provincial members like Alberta Milk have reviewed the data from the first round of cattle assessments and re-evaluated the expectations for corrective action and continuous improvement. This has resulted in the following changes:

1. Peer report zones will be fixed rather than based on percentiles. Thresholds have been established based on the first round of cattle assessments (Table 1).

Table 1. Zone Thresholds for Cattle Assessments (percentage acceptable)

Zones	Body Condition Score	Injuries and Lameness
<b>Green</b> (Excellent)	≥95%	≥90%
<b>Yellow</b> (CAP* recommended)	80% to 94%	75% to 89%
<b>Red</b> (CAP required)	60% to 79%	60% to 74%
<b>Dark Red</b> (CAP and increased cattle assessment required)	<60%	<60%

\*CAP: Corrective Action Plan

2. Cattle scoring a “3” (Monitor) for lameness will be shown more prominently on the report with a message that these cows are mild to moderately lame and a CAP is recommended. This is to encourage identification of the root cause and prevent lameness in the future.

3. A dark red zone has been temporarily added (less than 60 per cent acceptable in any category), which will result in increased cattle assessment requirements. Beginning in spring 2023, the dark red and red zones will be combined, with the increased requirements applying to any category scoring in the red zone.
4. If you have results in the red or dark red zone, you must use the new CAP template (Record 7b) in consultation with your dairy professional(s), such as a veterinarian, nutritionist or other dairy specialist.

## The Dark Red Zone

If one or more categories score in the dark red zone (from March 2021 until 2023), it will trigger the following:

1. An increase in the frequency of cattle assessments, every 12 months (instead of 24).
2. An increase in the number of cows assessed.

After three consecutive dark red zone results for the same animal measure, farms must demonstrate improvement out of the zone in order to meet proAction requirements and maintain program registration. In March 2023, these increased requirements will apply to any red zone results.

## CAP Development

If your Peer Report indicates that a CAP must be developed, there are several items to consider in order to develop a meaningful CAP that will assist you in achieving the required and expected improvements. These include:

- description of action steps;
- dairy professional sign off and assistance with CAP implementation;
- reasonable and practical timelines (immediate, short term, long term); and
- follow-up to ensure efficacy.

A fillable template can be found in the Required Records section at [albertamilk.com/proaction](http://albertamilk.com/proaction). Once completed, it must be sent to Alberta Milk for review. CAPs will be monitored by staff to ensure milestones and timelines outlined by your dairy professional are met.

Detailed DFC Notices of Change can be found at [dairyfarmers.ca/proaction/resources/overview](http://dairyfarmers.ca/proaction/resources/overview).



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Western Canadian Classic Team Alberta. This youth show rotates amongst the 4 western provinces with competitions and fun activities for youth age 12-21. For more information phone Casey Morey at 780-307-5378 or Katelyn Crest at 780-689-1069

## Alberta Milk to Your Inbox

Source: Kelsie Gilks, Marketing and Communications Specialist

We are committed to continuing to explore new and creative ways of sharing valuable information with you. One way we do that is through our bi-weekly eblasts. Every other Thursday, producers that have an email on file will receive relevant and timely information to their inbox. Topics include webinar information, policy references and updates, and reminders of upcoming deadlines you need to be aware of.

Priority updates will be sent on an as-needed basis. These emails contain topics that need special attention or are more time sensitive. Both types of email notifications prove to be valuable ways to stay current on information pertaining to your operation.

If you are a farmer and are not receiving these bi-weekly emails, please contact Kelsie Gilks ([kgilks@albertamilk.com](mailto:kgilks@albertamilk.com)) and include your registered farm name. We will be sharing information in the near future about how we plan to continue sharing valuable information with our external partners.

### Retirement of Milking Times

Effective July 31, 2021, we will no longer be producing *Milking Times*. The bi-weekly eblasts that have been sent since June 2020 will replace the purpose of *Milking Times*. We also welcome you to continue to use the Members' Only page for information from Alberta Milk.

If you have questions or comments about this transition, please contact Karlee Conway, Marketing and Communications Manager, at [kconway@albertamilk.com](mailto:kconway@albertamilk.com) or 780-577-3305.

## Dairy Farmers of Canada Supports Establishment of a 'Grocery Code of Conduct'

Source: Dairy Farmers of Canada

Dairy Farmers of Canada welcomes with great interest the 'Grocery Supply Code of Practice for Canada' proposed by Food, Health & Consumer Products of Canada (FHCP) and Empire Company Limited. If adopted, a code of conduct of this nature would bring greater balance to supplier-retailer relationships, improve competition in the grocery retail environment, and foster greater collaboration throughout the food supply chain.

In recent years, some retailers have increased pressure on suppliers by imposing arbitrary and unreasonably harsh fees and penalties and making unilateral changes to supply agreements. If left unchecked, these practices could hamper product innovation, reduce product variety, and generate unnecessary costs, with a negative impact on dairy farmers, processors, independent grocers and consumers alike.

Countries such as Australia, Ireland and the United Kingdom have already recognized the benefits of adopting such codes of conduct, which promote transparency, predictability and openness in the food supply chain.

Dairy Farmers of Canada is supportive of this kind of proposal and expresses its desire to participate in any future consultations on this issue.



# Alberta Milk Scholarship Program

Source: Kim Skolarchuk, 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.

The following is a list of requirements for applicants.

## 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 2021.

## Selection Criteria

- Students must be from the immediate family of an Alberta Milk member in good standing or sponsored by an Alberta Milk member in good standing. 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

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## Selection Process

Alberta Milk Selection Committee

## Application Deadline

Please mail or courier all supporting documentation to the attention of Kim Skolarchuk at the address provided above. All supporting documents must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2021.

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

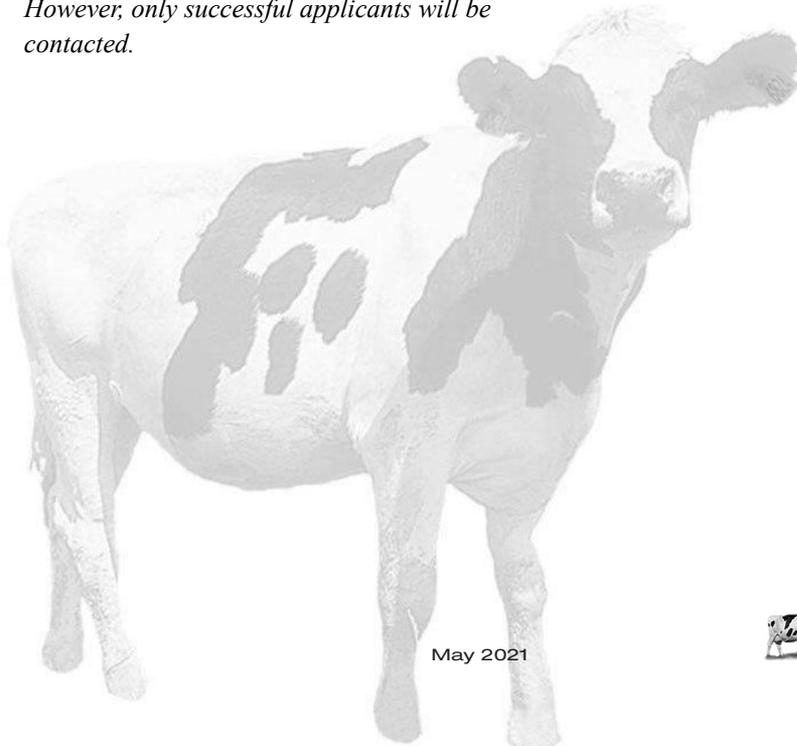


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## Dairy Production Statistics



Producer Pool Additions/Deductions March 2021		
	Additions (\$)	Deductions (\$)
Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Bulk Tank Callibration	0.00	4,860.00
Discarded	0.00	9,835.33
WMP	0.00	355,933.77
Interest	1,800.82	0.00
Metering	56,753.11	0.00
Trucking	0.00	0.00
Violations	29,672.49	0.00
<b>Average Deductions per Kg Total Solids</b>		<b>(\$0.0290)</b>

Average Milk Prices	
Month	TPQ \$/hL
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>82.69</b>
Feb	83.40
Jan	83.90
Dec	82.93
Nov	84.36
Oct	86.86
Sep	82.34
Aug	78.65
Jul	79.31
Jun	82.07
May	82.46
Apr	83.57

2021 Quota Exchange and Credit Transfer Deadlines		
Transfer Date	Quota Exchange	Credit Transfer
May 1	Apr 16	May 25
Jun 1	May 18	Jun 23
Jul 1	Jun 16	Jul 23
Aug 1	Jul 16	Aug 24
Sep 1	Aug 17	Sep 23
Oct 1	Sep 16	Oct 22
Nov 1	Oct 15	Nov 23
Dec 1	Nov 16	Dec 22

Provincial Average Components March 2021	
Butterfat	4.2125 kg/hl
Protein	3.2214 kg/hl

Provincial Milk Quality Averages March 2021	
Bacteria Average (IBC)	Somatic Cell Count (SCC)
20,208	176,363





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Quota Exchange Daily Production Quota		
Month	Total Transferred	Clearing Price /kg
<b>May 2021</b>	<b>\$121.37</b>	<b>\$47,525</b>
Apr	85.97	\$47,728
Mar	118.81	\$46,753
Feb	49.12	\$45,485
Jan	102.56	\$44,350
Dec	93.00	\$44,075
Nov	96.25	\$44,230
Oct	75.64	\$46,000
Sep	45.60	\$48,500
Aug	1.36	\$49,255
Jul	14.21	\$46,650
Jun	2.00	\$44,100

Underproduction Credit Transfers		
Month	Kg	Price/eligible kg
<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>86,934.38</b>	<b>\$9.86</b>
Mar	101,986.90	\$9.71
Feb	91,026.05	\$9.10
Jan	99,420.30	\$6.95
Dec	84,646.99	\$5.76
Nov	96,811.90	\$5.48
Oct	75,261.90	\$5.31
Sep	81,017.51	\$7.59
Aug	53,938.63	\$8.08
Jul	68,300.70	\$8.07
Jun	45,891.26	\$7.35
May	50,730.18	\$6.02

Quota and Milk Production Summary (BF kg)					
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Status	Official	Pre-Pooling	Projected	Projected	Projected
<b>Alberta</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	100,007	98,945	98,502	97,975	97,151
Provincial Quota (kg/day)	88,565	98,595	96,408	96,595	100,257
Producer Quota (kg/day)	96,120	95,840	95,840	95,840	95,840
Producer Quota + Incentive Credits (kg/day)	96,120	95,840	95,840	95,840	95,840
Cumulative Position (%)					
Producer Position (Days)	-5.22	-4.32	-3.57	-2.97	-2.65
Provincial Position (Days)	-16.85	-15.02	-14.71	-14.24	-14.65
Penalty (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Western Milk Pool</b>					
Butterfat Production (kg/day)	286,881	283,812	280,851	277,664	274,981
Pool Quota (kg/day)	251,641	280,140	273,928	274,458	284,862
Cumulative Position (%)*	-1.28%	-1.17%	-0.95%	-0.85%	-1.13%
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 March was 2.35 million litres, an increase of 9,934 litres (+0.42 per cent) over February. The average butterfat density in March was 4.21, a -1.48 per cent decline from February 2021.

Comparing on an annual basis, there was -0.53 per cent growth in volume in the 12-month period ending March 2021 over the 12-month period ending March 2020; and a -0.23 per cent growth in butterfat production for the same period. See the chart below for the most recent 24-month trend.

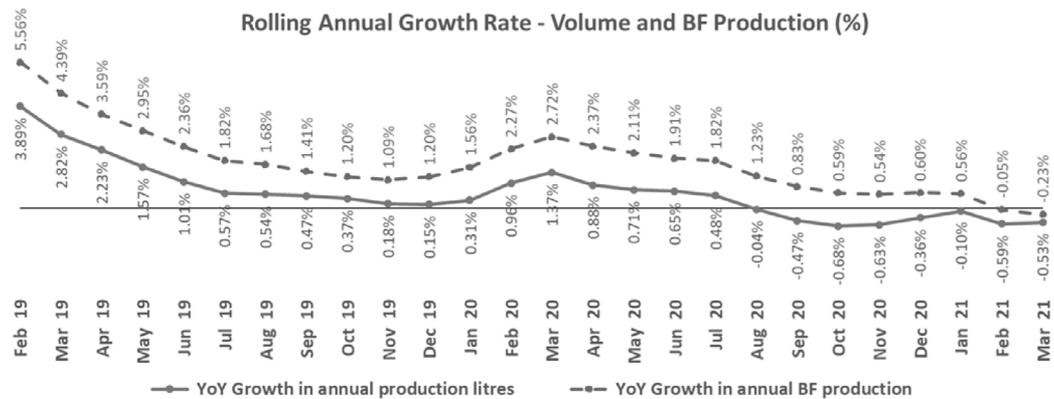
### Quota Update

The WMP's rolling 12-month quota decreased by 0.29 per cent in February over January. Alberta's daily producer quota issuance in February 2021 was 96,120 kg/day, 99.95 per cent relative to past 12-month Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) quota allocation.

### Pools' Quota Utilization

Cumulative Quota Positions (CQP) as at the end of February 2021 for the Western Milk Pool (WMP), P5 and P10 were -1.28, -1.14 and -1.36 per cent respectively. This means that the respective pools on a cumulative basis are all under-producing by their respective percentages as indicated.

The WMP over-filled its monthly CDC quota allotment by 982,155 kilograms of butterfat in February 2021 or +13.9 per cent relative to +9.3 per cent for the same period last year.



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