

BC Dairy Quota Policy and Governance Consultation

The British Columbia (BC) Milk Marketing Board is conducting a consultation with the support of the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) that will be used to develop an effective long term quota allocation and governance policy. The Milk Board has developed a [Discussion Paper](#) in support of the consultation, and invites all industry stakeholders and interested members of the public to participate (see details below).

Objective

The objective is to evaluate BC dairy quota policy through a transparent consultative process with the aim of developing an effective quota allocation and governance policy that will preserve, build and transition the BC dairy industry for future generations.

Scope

The project scope will be limited to matters related to quota governance that fall within the authorities of the Milk Board and BCFIRB. It is not a review of dairy supply management or the Milk Board powers and duties, nor will it consider Milk Board policies unrelated to quota governance.

Any new policy proposals and additional quota governance options will consider broad impacts relative to the Milk Board's 2020 Strategic Plan, and will take into account the BC regulated marketing sector's [sound governance \('SAFETI'\) principles](#), the BC supply management quota governance principles established through BCFIRB's [2005 Specialty Review](#) and the BC Ministry of Agriculture's [Regulated Marketing Economic Policy](#).

Key Principles for Effective Policy for the Future

The review will provide an opportunity to assess the effectiveness and continued relevance of dairy quota policy for the next decade and will be guided by the following principles for the dairy industry:

1. Support industry to sustain current producers;
2. Provide opportunity or mechanism for renewal of the industry – new producers;
3. Flexibility to manage quota for milk production;
4. Growth through innovation for value-added of the entire market (e.g. systems to connect companies or networks for growth); and
5. Equitable quota allocation (e.g. sound governance guided by 'SAFETI' principles).

How to Participate

The Milk Board welcomes the participation of all dairy producers, processors, vendors, and other dairy industry stakeholders in the review. Since residents of BC have a broad public interest in the province's regulated dairy industry (as consumers of the province's high quality dairy products, employees and neighbours of the province's dairy farms, potential new entrants to the industry, etc.), members of the public are also welcome to participate in the review.

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Stage 1: Identifying issues and ideas

Between September 11, 2013 and October 31, 2013, the Milk Board will accept written submissions in response to the [Discussion Paper](#). You can send your comments by email to: quota-governance@milk-bc.com or by post to: BC Milk Marketing Board, Suite 200-32160 South Fraser Way, BC V2T 1W5 All written submissions will be shared publicly on the Milk Board website (with identifying features removed) once the submission period closes.

The Milk Board will also hold a series of regional face-to-face listening sessions with dairy industry stakeholders in September / October 2013. Specific dates and locations of the meetings can be found at www.milk-bc.com.

Stage 2: Finding solutions

Once these preliminary events have been completed, the Milk Board will prepare a document outlining any proposed policy changes. The Milk Board will then hold a second submissions process and set of regional consultations to present and gather feedback on the proposal. The Board intends to submit its final proposal to BCFIRB in January 2014.

For More Information

For ongoing updates on the review, please visit www.milk-bc.com. If you would like to receive email updates, please contact quota-governance@milk-bc.com.