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New Entrant Program (NEP) Consultation Update

The BC Milk Marketing Board (the Board) is currently conducting a consultation, to assist in the development of a (new) New Entrant Program (NEP), which will encourage new people to enter the dairy industry as producers. An effective New Entrant Program will support the sustainability and social license of the dairy industry.

Feedback so far: Survey Results & NEP Committee Summary

The Board's consultation was launched on October 5, 2017 with an email campaign and an online NEP stakeholder survey, which closed October 22, 2017. However, the BCMMB website will remain open for comments until the conclusion of the consultation (April 30, 2018).

For more focused input, an NEP Committee made up of representatives from the BC Dairy Association and each of the producer regional associations in the province was tasked with making non-binding recommendations to the Board on a future new entrant program. The committee met on October 24, 2017.

NEP Discussion Paper & Questions for Fall Producer Meeting Consultation

To help facilitate the consultation, an NEP Discussion Paper, which includes the NEP committee suggestions and Questions to lead discussion at the BCMMB Fall Producer Meeting in Vancouver on December 8, 2017¹ has been posted.

Please find posted to the website the following documents:

- 1. NEP Stakeholder Survey Summary Results**
- 2. NEP Committee Summary Notes**
- 3. NEP Discussion Paper and Questions**

Please [click here](#), where you can access these three, and several other exciting NEP documents.

Any comments or questions about the Board's NEP consultation, please contact: vcrites@bcmilk.com

¹ See the [BCMMB November newsletter](#) for details on the BCMMB AGM and Fall Producer Meeting.