

January 19, 2018

Organic Sleeve Production of NEGATIVE 2%

Organic production requirements have decreased as compared to the previous period which will end on February 28, 2018. The following notice applies to all organic producers in production effective March 1, 2018.

Organic production requirements have decreased effective March 1, 2018. Organic producers will receive a temporary 2% decrease to their current quota holdings (negative) for the period of March 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018.

With the success of new organic entrants, organic quota allocations and the general allotments, the production in the organic pool will exceed market demand. Since March 1, 2017, the following has occurred:

- During the months of May/June 2017 the Board added *three* additional producers to the organic pool
- The Board allotted organic quota on March 1, 2017 to the organic producers who fulfilled sleeve requirements in the previous period.
- The Board issued a General Allotment of 3% effective March 1, 2017.
- The Board issued a General Allotment of 4% effective August 1, 2017.
- Overall, Processor commitments for organic milk has declined since the peak of March 1, 2017.

Please Note: The Board will continue to review organic market requirements and will provide direction to the industry as needed.

Individual producers will receive their production requirement letters by mid to late February.

As organic producers can only purchase available quota up to a maximum of their allocated sleeve, there will not be an opportunity to purchase quota on the conventional quota exchange for the period beginning March 1, 2018.

If your farm makes an adjustment which changes the volume for milk pickups, please contact the BCMMB transport department prior to any changes. A change in your farms volumes can directly affect processor deliveries and can result in shortages for processor organic milk orders for that week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Woody Siemens at 604-854-4476 or wsiemens@bcmilk.com