

Producer Component Prices & Standard Blend

The producer component prices for the month of August are as follows: BF=\$10.8528, PR=\$7.1606, OS=\$1.6101 or an equivalent return of \$71.3711 per standard hectolitre. This return compares to \$72.6615 in July 2017 with a difference of \$1.2904 per standard hectolitre. The average producer return for the province is \$76.1940 per hectoliter.

The P10/WMP equalization charged to the producer pool in August for the production month of July was \$3,369,110. The equalization payment consists of shared costs across the P10 with respect to special class processing.

Mandatory proAction® Reminder

Just a reminder to producers that the Board made registration with the proAction programs for *Animal Care*, *Food Safety* (formerly CQM) and *Livestock Traceability* a mandatory condition of licensing for all BC producers, effective January 1, 2018. For more details, please see: [Notice to Industry – Amending Order 59: proAction®](#) If you have any questions about your registration status, or need to get registered, please contact proaction@bcdairy.ca or call Elizabeth Schouten at 604.294.3775 (BCDA).

GEP update and new NEP Consultation:

The 14 remaining candidates from the Graduated Entry Program (GEP) waitlist were invited to the next stage of the GEP process in January 2017. Four have declined to participate; three have been approved and started production already; and seven remain to start production by (at the latest) January 2019. They are required to submit their five-year business plans and there are other subsequent requirements (ministry approvals, etc.) before they can be approved as GEPs.

The Board will consult this fall/winter on its next program for new entrants to the dairy industry. The **New Entrant Program (NEP) Consultation** will begin with an online survey at the end of September—to be followed by a meeting of the (newly formed) NEP Committee (with representation from all the regions and BCDA) in October. A full timetable and details of the consultation will be posted on the BCMMB website by the end of September. The goal is to launch the new program by summer 2018.

2017 BCMMB Board Election – Important

2017 Election packages have been distributed to producers. Each package contains the Election and Appointment Rules and Procedures, a 2017 Voting Producer Registration form, a 2017 Nomination form and the 2017 Election Timeline.

Important Dates:

Deadline for submission of *Voting Producer Registration forms – Friday, September 29, 2017

Deadline for submission of *Nomination forms & Biographies – Friday, October 13, 2017

**Only registered Voting Producers can sign Nomination forms*

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kathleen Zimmerman, Independent Elections Officer, at AgResults@shaw.ca or directly at 778.833.0158

Please Note: BCDA has a member-at-large position open this fall and there may be a vote held as well.
Please remember to vote in both elections.



BC Continuous Quota Position as of July 2017: -1.31%

August 2017 *forecasted: -1.40%

2017 Fall Producer Meeting – December 8, 2017

Similar to the last several years, the Board will not be holding any individual regional Fall Producer Meetings, but will hold a Fall Producer Meeting on Friday, December 8, 2017 at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver, following the BCMMB AGM.

2017 BCMMB Fall Producer Meeting

Fairmont Waterfront Hotel
900 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC V6C 3L5

Date: December 8, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Fall Producer Meeting
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Producer Q&A

Room: Waterfront Ballroom

Provincial Freight

The producer freight rate calculations for the months of July and August are summarized below:

Freight Rates (\$/hl)	July	August
Zone Transportation Costs	3.03	3.04
Less: Vendor Billings	(0.15)	(0.13)
Gross Provincial Freight Rate	2.88	2.91
Add: Train/Volume Discounts	0.33	0.33
Less: Stop/Extra Pick-Up Charges	(0.14)	(0.15)
Transportation Department Costs	0.00	0.00
Adjustments from Prior Period	(0.03)	0.04
Net Provincial Freight Rate	3.04	3.13

Continuous Quota

Cumulative Over/Under Production (with limits) as of:

	July 2017	%*
	Kg of BF	
NL	-585,618	-23.55%
P5	8,162,169	3.09%
WMP	-4,310,022	-4.87%
P10	3,266,529	0.92%
BC	-412,272	-1.31%

*Cumulative Over/Under Production (with limits) expressed as a % of the most recent 12 months total quota.

Milk Quality Report

The provincial averages and quality bonus data based on the official milk quality tests for July and August are:

Milk Quality Data	July	August
Individual Bacteria Count	21,903	22,609
Somatic Cell Count	189,784	189,006
Quality Bonus Qualifiers(%)	67.55%	65.71%

Producer Payments

Participants in the September | October | November Pools will receive their payments as follows:

Month of Production:	Advance Payment	Final Payment
September	Oct 2	Oct 19
October	Nov 1	Nov 20
November	Dec 1	Dec 19

Credit Transfer Average Prices

Effective August 1	Conventional Organic	
Average Price	\$4.46	\$5.83

A Summary of Credit Transfer Statistics can be found at www.milk-bc.com with other credit transfer documents.

Quota Management: Important Dates

Application Deadlines	Date & Time	Effective Date(s)
Quota Exchange	Oct 2 @ 1:00pm	Nov 1
CDQ Buy/Sell of Credits	Sep 25 @ 1:00pm	Sep 1 Oct 1

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Pam Gregory 604.854.4474 pgregory@milk-bc.com

www.milk-bc.com

Statistics and Pool Results

To view the statistics and pool results report, producers are now required to log in to the "Producer Zone" on the BC Milk Marketing Board website. The report will continue to be distributed in hard copy form with your milk statement.

Should you require assistance with your log in details please contact either Kathy at kwallis@milk-bc.com or 604.854.4471 or Pam at pgregory@milk-bc.com or 604.854.4474.

Changing Bank Account for Milk Pay:

To change bank account information for milk pay please submit the following to Kathy Wallis a **minimum of 7 days prior to the effective pay date:**

1. **A completed Producer EFT Enrollment Form** duly signed by the registered quota holder (the President if a Corporation/Limited Company and all partners if a partnership).
2. **A VOID cheque** (the cheque must be pre-printed with the name in which the quota is registered) or routing information provided on bank letterhead (the letter must include signature and contact information of bank officer providing the account information)

Please Note: if there is a current Assignment of Proceeds in place for the milk pay, the bank holding the assignment must release their interest in the proceeds before any changes can be made to the destination account for the milk pay.

If you have any questions with respect to your banking information, please contact Kathy at kwallis@milk-bc.com or 604.854-4471.

Quota Management - Reminder to Producers:

The following forms **can only be signed by the registered quota holder** (this is the president of the Corporation as on file with the BCMMB for corporate producers; all partners of a partnership):

- Quota Exchange Buyer or Seller application form
- Pre-Authorized Debit Agreement (PAD) for Quota Exchange purchases
- CDQ (Name Change) Transfer Application form
- Going Concern/Farm Sale Transfer application form
- Assignment of Continuous Daily Quota Security Agreement (Bank assignment)
- Authorization form to release information
- Producer EFT Enrollment form for milk pay
- Farm premises relocation information

Notice to Producers

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