

Chairman's Message Discretionary Use Permits and RMs

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BACKGROUND

I am writing to make producers aware of the challenges within some rural municipalities. My farm is in the RM of Rosthern so I will relate back to some of my experience with them, as I have been attempting to get a Discretionary Use Permit (DUP) for the past two years. In this and other RMs, examples of the challenges we face are:

- unreasonable/impractical set back distances for barns and manure storage and manure spreading;
- conditions on the issuing of DUPs, such as requiring farms to get signed co-existence agreements with neighbors within a certain distance around the applicant farm;
- zoning changes that make it difficult for ILOs to start or expand; and
- requiring upgrades done on roads used by the expanding operation (and, in my case, requiring a road maintenance agreement to be signed).



Significantly adding to these issues is that each RM can have different requirements, different processes, and different timelines, making it difficult for we as farms to make plans.

SaskMilk has been working with other livestock industries to address these issues, and in December this culminated in the Livestock Forum, where industries, RMs, and government came together to talk about these issues. At the Forum, the livestock industry was able to send a strong message to government that changes are needed to ensure expansion and growth in Saskatchewan.

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YOUR RIGHTS

I want to encourage producers in all RMs, particularly Rosthern, to monitor the conditions put forward with DUPs. From what I am hearing, it seems that right now Rosthern isn't issuing any DUPs and also seems to be preparing to issue road maintenance agreements as one of the conditions for permits. What ILO operators need to understand is that **if a DUP is refused, there is no appeal granted.** HOWEVER, if the DUP is accepted with conditions, **the conditions can be appealed.**

Road Maintenance Agreement conditions can also be appealed through the Saskatchewan Municipal Board. Road Maintenance Agreements are contracts between the RM and the road user that *can be terminated or renegotiated by either party*, so this should not be a condition of the DUP because we do not want the permit to be able to be pulled out from under us if the Road Maintenance Agreement needs to be renegotiated. The other factor is that an RM should not require Road Maintenance Agreements unless they do so to all farmers, not just the farmers that are applying for a permit. If you happen to be singled out for a Road Maintenance Agreement by an RM, we recommend you not sign and do consider an appeal. Any appeal to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board needs to be done within 30 days of the RM conditions being provided to you *in writing*. The RM is required to let you know about the appeal process.

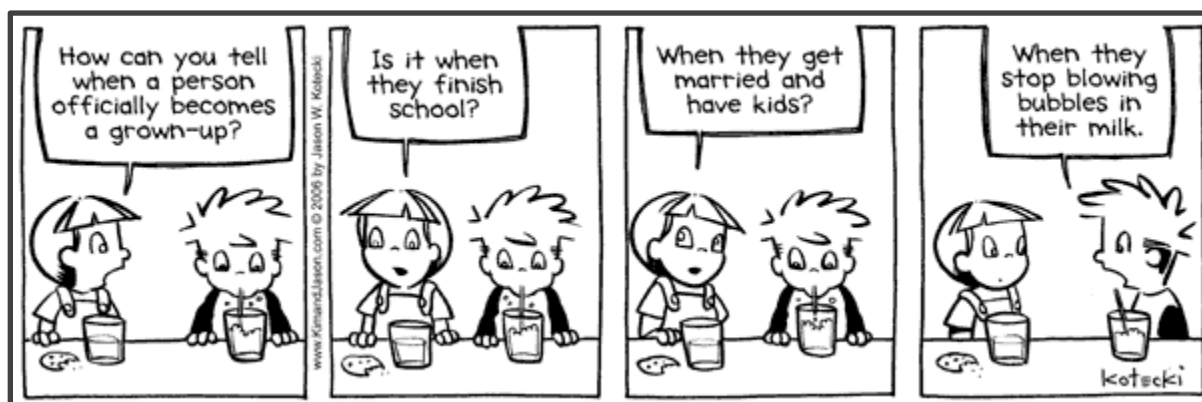
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

SaskMilk is concerned with the situations facing producers, and want to monitor things closely. We want to be aware of the roadblocks, and also try to assist farmers who are experiencing challenges. Please let us know if you are having challenges – contact a Board member or Joy at the office, and please do send us an email describing the situation.

We know many producers are expanding, and we want to encourage that growth. On this note, it is **very important to have the ILO permit in place.** This is one of the requirements that RMs have, and it is difficult to get help at the RM level or upon appeal if Saskatchewan Agriculture has not approved your expansion and manure storage.

Please remember: if you sign an agreement with an RM, you may be setting a precedent that can affect all dairy farmers into the future.

-- Mel Foth



SaskMilk Upcoming Promotional Events*

(*we are participating in or have sponsored)

January 13 – 16	SJHL Showcase - Regina
February 16	Regina Teachers Conference – Regina
February 18 – 24	Saskatchewan Winter Games – North Battleford
March 9 – 10	Saskatchewan High School Curling Championships
March 16 – 17	Saskatchewan High School Wrestling Championships – Saskatoon
March 22 – 24	Saskatchewan High School Basketball Championship, Hoopla Prince Albert
March 24	Saskatchewan Science Centre Fantasy Food – Regina
April 14	Ag In The City, Lawson Heights Mall – Saskatoon
April 19	Moose Jaw Regional Heritage Fair – Moose Jaw
April 26	Swift Current Regional Heritage Fair – Swift Current
April 29	Regina Police Marathon - Regina
May 4	Regina Regional Heritage Fair
May 10 – 11	Saskatoon Regional Heritage Fair - Saskatoon
May 12	Saskatchewan High School Badminton Championship – Weyburn
May 12	Royal Regina Road Race - Regina
May 19	Saskatchewan Physical Education Association – Regina
May 23 - 24	Provincial Regional Heritage Fair - Regina
June 1 - 2	Saskatchewan High School Provincial Track & Field – Prince Albert
June 20 - 22	Farm Progress - Regina



SJHL Showcase



Who is Saskatchewan's Outstanding Young Farmer for 2018?

Nominate an outstanding young farmer, who contributes to the community, who seeks new opportunities, and who generally are assets to Saskatchewan's agri-food industry.

More information can be found at www.saskatchewan.oyfcanada.com.

Chance Meeting



*Andrew Scheer, M.P., Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, notices Peter's SaskMilk hat and calls him over for a greeting – and is quick to note his support for our industry
(from left) Andrew Scheer, Peter Brown, and Peter MacKay, former Federal MP.*

Agriculture Student Scholarship

For students passionate about speaking up and telling the story of agriculture, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is proudly offering the Agriculture Student Scholarship for the eighth consecutive year.

Saskatchewan grade 12 students and recent high school graduates (within the last two years) have the chance to win a grand-prize scholarship of \$4,000 or one of three runner-up scholarships of \$2,000 when they submit a three-minute video or 1,000-word essay detailing their food story. This year's scholarship theme, 'Our Food Has a Story', encourages young people to have conversations with people about the relationship between agriculture and the food they eat.

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be planning to take an agriculture-related post-secondary education program beginning in the fall of 2018. This scholarship program has been designed to identify young people who thinkAG and plan to pursue an exciting career in the industry.

Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2018**.

To [apply online](#) or for more information:

Visit www.saskatchewan.ca/thinkAG and type 'Ag Student Scholarship' in the search bar; or

Contact Shayla Hertz, Provincial Agriculture Awareness Specialist, at 306-787-9298 or shayla.hertz@gov.sk.ca.

DFC this month...

Jacques Lefebvre joins Dairy Farmers of Canada as Chief Executive Officer

On January 8, Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) [announced the appointment](#) of Mr. Jacques Lefebvre as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). With over 25 years of experience across multiple sectors, Mr. Lefebvre is a strong leader that brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to DFC. Additionally, in his former role at the Dairy Processors Association of Canada (DPAC) as President and Chief Executive Officer, he has an in-depth understanding of Canada's dairy sector, and the importance of Canadian dairy farmers to our economy, as well as to the health and well-being of Canadians.

“It is my great pleasure to announce that Jacques Lefebvre will be joining DFC as our new CEO. He is a proven leader and is deeply committed to our dairy sector,” said Pierre Lampron, President of DFC. “Jacques understand all of the challenges that we are facing, and will be a champion for us. I look forward to working closely with him.”

Mr. Lefebvre has held senior executive positions with national member organizations, both in the business and not-for-profit sectors.

“I am very excited to be joining DFC and for the opportunity to work closely with our Board of Directors, members, staff, and stakeholders, on behalf of Canadian dairy farmers,” said Jacques Lefebvre, DFC's CEO. “I welcome the opportunity to use my past experience, inside and outside of the dairy sector, to bring our industry together as we face tremendous pressure on trade and government relations issues. It is more important than ever that we work collectively to defend and promote the industry.”

About Jacques Lefebvre

Before joining DFC as Chief Executive Officer, Jacques led the Dairy Processors Association of Canada as President and Chief Executive Officer for two years.

Over the last 25 years, Jacques acquired experience in senior management, government relations, strategic affairs, stakeholder relations, communications, change management and journalism.

He began his career as a journalist as a national affairs reporter and was elected President of the Parliamentary Press Gallery in 1996. He later transitioned into the federal government and held senior positions with Cabinet Ministers, before pursuing senior executive opportunities with Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceuticals (Rx&D) and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA).



Jacques Lefebvre has a Bachelor's degree in Social Communications from the University of Ottawa / Saint Paul University and he has a Masters degree in Public Ethics from Saint Paul University. His executive development includes strategic planning, marketing, and a certification from the Reputation Institute.

proAction: Traceability Records

Effective Sept 1, 2017, the Traceability component will be included in your validation.

You must be keeping the following records:

1. NLID tags/CCIA tags

Animals born on your farm and destined for the dairy industry must be double identified with approved NLID tags.

Animals born on your farm and destined for the beef industry can be identified with a single RFID ear tag (yellow button tag)

All calves must be tagged within 7 days of birth or before they leave the farm of origin, whichever occurs first.

2. Animal Births

Animal births must be recorded within 7 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm.

Required information (page 8- Traceability Workbook- Birth Record):

- Animal's birth date
- Animal ID- 15 digit tag number
- Premise Identification number

Animal births must be reported* to the national traceability database within 45 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin.

3. Move Ins

Animal move-ins must be recorded within 7 days of the animal's arrival on the farm or before it leaves the farm, whichever comes first.

Required information (page 9- Traceability Workbook- Animal Move-In Record):

- Animal ID- 15 digit tag number
- Move-in date
- Premise ID number of the farm of arrival (your farm)
- Premise ID of the farm of departure
- Vehicle license plate number – single unit license number or trailer license number

Animal move-ins must be reported* to the national traceability database within 7 days of the animal's arrival on the farm or before it leaves the farm, whichever comes first.

4. Animal Deaths/Export (Tag Retirement)

Animal deaths, where the animal is disposed of on farm, must be recorded within 7 days following the death of the animal.

Required information: (page 10- Traceability Workbook- On-Farm Animal Disposal Record)

- Date of death
- Animal ID- 15 digit tag number
- Premise ID of your farm.

Animal deaths must be reported* to the national traceability database within 7 days following the death of the animal.

Animals exported outside of the country- should be recorded and reported* within 7 days of export.

Required information: (page 11- Traceability Workbook- Animal Export Record):

- Date of export
- Animal ID- 15 digit tag number
- Premise ID of your farm
- Location to which the animal was exported
- Vehicle license plate number

5. Tag replacement/Tag lost

When an animal loses one of its NLID tags – a replacement tag can be ordered from NLID with the original number.

Animals born prior to Sept 1, 2017 and identified with herd management tags must be tagged with an official RFID tag (CCIA button tag) when they leave the farm.

At all times the effort should be made to retain the animals' original identity- if for example an animal is being shipped off farm but has lost its NLID button, a CCIA tag can be used but a record of the NLID tag number and the CCIA tag number should be cross referenced so that animal identity is not lost. This should be recorded and reported* within 7 days of retagging the animal or before its departure from the farm, whichever comes first.

Reporting* is done to the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) www.clia.livestockid.ca

At this time reporting is not a mandatory requirement of the Traceability program however you are strongly encouraged to set up your account and report.

Recording is the act of keeping records on farm. This is a mandatory requirement and these records must be available at the time of validation.

TRACEABILITY - NLID TAGS

For farms that currently use herd management tags and want to switch over to using NLID tags here is some important information:

You can order tags by:

1. Online through your HAC [web account](#)
2. Calling NLID at 1-877-771-6543
3. Print and complete the [NLID Order form](#) and mail/fax back to:
NLID
Box 2065
Brantford, Ontario N3T 5W5
Fax: 519-756-3502

You do not need to be a Holstein Canada member in order to order tags but you will need to set up an account. There are a variety of tag options to choose from. Talk to the customer service representative to determine the tag that will best suit your farm.

Remember that effective Sept 2017 it will be a requirement that heifer calves are tagged using NLID tags.

If you have questions or require further information contact Deb Hauptstein at:

deb.hauptstein@saskmilk.ca 306-721-9486

Antimicrobial Stewardship

Health Canada's Regulatory and Policy Changes for Veterinary Antimicrobials

Health Canada will be implementing some regulatory changes to strengthen the oversight of veterinary drugs, including antimicrobial. These changes will be coming into force over the time period of November 13, 2017 through 2019. The changes are designed to promote responsible use and increase veterinary oversight of medically important antimicrobials.

Over the course of the next few newsletters the changing regulatory and policy initiatives are being highlighted.

OVERSIGHT ON IMPORTATION AND QUALITY OF VET API'S (active pharmaceutical ingredients)

Regulation –Coming into force May 17, 2018 (additional 14-month transition period ending July 17, 2019 to submit a DEL application)

New regulatory requirements to manufacture all veterinary APIs according to GMPs (formulated veterinary drugs already under GMPs). Persons who fabricate, import, package, label and test active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for veterinary use will be required to hold a Drug Establishment License (DEL)

Pharmacists, veterinarians or those compounding a drug under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian will be required to hold a DEL when importing medically important antimicrobials (MIAs) that are on *Incorporated by Reference* list –List A: List of Certain Antimicrobial Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients.

These restrictions mean that importation of MIA APIs by food animal producers for their direct use in food animals will not be allowed as of Nov 13, 2017.

PRUDENT USE AND THE REMOVAL OF GROWTH PROMOTION CLAIMS

Initiative –Revised Labels to be on the market by December 1, 2018

To enhance prudent use of medically important antimicrobials (MIAs) in animals, Health Canada is working to phase out non-prudent uses i.e. for long-term non-therapeutic purposes (i.e. growth promotion and weight gain)

No growth promotion claims have been approved for new MIAs post-2004. About 64 products are implicated in this initiative but it will have minimal impact on availability of treatment options.

Labels of all in-feed and in-water MIAs will include responsible use statements

Summarized from a presentation given to the proAction Committee, Nov 6, 2017, by Dr. Manisha Mehrotra, Health Canada.

Reminder!

The deadline date for Quota Transfer, Quota Exchange, and 10% Transfer Limit Exemptions is the 6th of each month

Your Quota Transfer, and 10% Exemption Applications must be received on or before the 6th of the month in order to be effective the 1st of the following month

Quota Exchange forms must be received in the SaskMilk office on or before the 6th of the month for that month's Exchange



Mardell Farms Ltd., a north central grain farm, is seeking dairy producers in need of an annual, high quality forage supply. Mardell Farms can customize the production of any number of annual full season cover crops or forages to meet your specific needs. Bale silage would be the preferred method of harvesting production to maintain a high level of quality and consistency. Annual or multiple year agreements are encouraged. Please contact Ian Mardell to discuss how we can assist in meeting your nutritional needs.

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- ✓ *As soon as your cattle are sold, settlement to the producer is made immediately*
- ✓ *Saskatoon Livestock Sales operate one of the finest marketing facilities within the industry. SLS take pride in providing a clean, safe and well designed handling facility, to make sure your cattle are presented properly.*
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36th Annual Western Canadian Dairy Seminar

Achieving Dairy Excellence
March 6 – 9, 2018
Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
www.wcds.ca

INTRODUCTION

In 2018 the Western Canadian Dairy Seminar will be celebrating 36 continuous years of providing novel ideas, information, and solutions relevant to current and emerging challenges of the Canadian dairy industry.

Topics covered in this year's seminar include:

- Principles of Farm Management
- Nutrition and Replacements
- Advances in Genetics and Reproduction
- Healthy Cows Produce Healthy Milk

In addition to the formal program, the seminar offers ample opportunity for participants to have informal discussions with the speakers and with industry service representatives. Come and meet our sponsors at the trade show.

REGISTRATION

\$275 on or before **February 6, 2018**
\$325 after February 6, 2018

Register and pay online at www.wcds.ca

Or fax (780-492-5771) or mail the registration form to: Western Canadian Dairy Seminar
Dept. of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science
4-10 Agriculture/Forestry Centre
University of Alberta
Edmonton AB T6G 2P5

Payment may be made by Visa, MasterCard, American Express or cheque. The Seminar registration fee **does not** include accommodation costs.

LOCATION

Sheraton Hotel,
3310 - 50th Avenue,
Red Deer, Alberta, Canada T4N 3X9

ACCOMMODATION

The Sheraton Red Deer is holding a block of rooms for the Seminar until February 5, 2018. The hotel will continue to accept reservations as long as space is available.

Please state that you are attending the “Western Canadian Dairy Seminar” when making hotel reservations.

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Room rates are \$156 CAD (traditional), \$156 CAD (deluxe) and \$184 CAD (club room) plus taxes per night.

**For further information contact Kate Davies (Conference Coordinator) at 780-492-3236 or wcds@ualberta.ca
FOR FULL CONFERENCE DETAILS visit the website at www.wcds.ca**

Who should I call?

Who at the SaskMilk office should producers call? Here's a handy guide!

For...	Call...	At...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sponsorship Requests ➤ Donation Requests ➤ Dairyanna's Costume and Events 	Anita Medl	306-721-9483
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School Milk Program ➤ Nutrition Resource Ordering 	Bev Eckert	306-721-9490
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Quota Exchange and Private Quota Transfers ➤ Transfer Credits ➤ Security Applications ➤ Estimates for production ➤ Name Changes ➤ Designation of Signing Authority ➤ Monthly production numbers for producers ➤ Producer information for lending institutions ➤ Passwords for quota management sheet access 	Bev Solie	306-721-9488
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dairy Conference 	Darlene Weighill	306-721-9491
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On Farm- licensing, facilities, equipment, driveways, yards, animal care ➤ Lab testing results ➤ Bulk truck drivers- licensing, complaints/issues ➤ Bulk tank calibrations ➤ Pro Action- Food Safety (CQM), Animal Care, Traceability, Biosecurity, Environment 	Deb Haupstein	306-721-9486
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Producer statements ➤ Banking info for direct deposit of milk pay ➤ Milk pick-up issues –variances in volumes, planning to quit shipping, etc. 	Dianne Cardinal	306-721-9489
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monthly milk prices paid to producers ➤ Provincial & National production updates 	Doug Miller	306-721-9485
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adding, editing information on Producer Transfer Credit List ➤ Newsletter advertising ➤ Updating email/fax information for producer notices/send outs 	Jenn Buehler	306-721-9492
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Media or news stories <i>or</i> if you have been contacted by any media agency or reporter ➤ Social media enquiries (twitter etc.) ➤ Trade agreements, international trade updates ➤ DEAP policy/program enquiries ➤ Website enquiries ➤ Research enquiries or proposals 	Joy Smith	306-721-9482

QUOTA EXCHANGE

The market-clearing price established for the January 2018 Quota Exchange was **\$30,000.00**.

The next Quota Exchange will be held on **February 15, 2018**. All offers to sell and bids to purchase quota through the Quota Exchange must be received at the SaskMilk office by midnight, **February 6, 2018**. SaskMilk recommends that offers and bids be submitted well in advance of the deadline date to ensure adequate time for corrections, if necessary.

When making bids on the Quota Exchange, the price on offers to sell quota is the minimum price that the producer is prepared to accept for that quota. Only if the market-clearing price is equal to or greater than the producer's minimum price will that producer qualify for participation in the Exchange. Conversely, the price on offers to purchase quota is the maximum price that the producer is prepared to pay for that quota. Only if the market-clearing price is equal to or less than the producer's maximum price will that producer qualify for participation in the Exchange. The clearing price is set at the price where the smallest difference exists between the accumulated volume offered for sale and the accumulated volume bid to purchase. The results of the Quota Exchange are outlined in the following Table.

JANUARY 2018 QUOTA EXCHANGE RESULTS SUMMARY

Market Clearing Price per kilogram of butterfat	\$ 30,000.00
Daily Kilograms offered to Purchase	94.00
Kilograms offered to Sell	41.20
Kilograms sold	35.00
Number of Producers	
- offered to purchase	5
- purchased quota	3
- offered to sell	16
- sold quota	14

JANUARY 2018 QUOTA EXCHANGE CLEARING PRICE RESULTS

Price (\$/daily kg b.f.)	No. of Sellers	Cumulative Sellers	Daily Kgs b.f. offered for sale	Cumulative sales	Cumulative Sales less Cumulative purchases	Cumulative purchases	Daily Kgs b.f. offered to purchase	Cumulative bidders	No. of buyers
\$26,000.00	2	2	14.00	14.00	-80.00	94.00	0.00	5	0
\$26,100.00	1	3	0.88	14.88	-79.12	94.00	0.00	5	0
\$27,000.00	2	5	0.96	15.84	-78.16	94.00	0.00	5	0
\$28,000.00	2	7	3.65	19.49	-74.51	94.00	0.00	5	0
\$28,500.00	5	12	15.00	34.49	-59.51	94.00	0.00	5	0
\$29,000.00	1	13	1.00	35.49	-58.51	94.00	9.00	5	1
\$29,200.00	0	13	0.00	35.49	-49.51	85.00	50.00	4	1
\$30,000.00	1	14	2.00	37.49	2.49	35.00	9.00	3	1
\$31,000.00	0	14	0.00	37.49	11.49	26.00	9.00	2	1
\$32,000.00	0	14	0.00	37.49	20.49	17.00	17.00	1	1
\$32,500.00	1	15	2.65	40.14	40.14	0.00	0.00	0	0
\$34,000.00	1	16	1.06	41.20	41.20	0.00	0.00	0	0

* Please contact Bev Solie at 306-949-6999 for inquiries dealing with quota management sheets, the Quota Exchange, for transfer credits, or with any other quota transactions.

DAIRY INFO DAY

January 25, 2018

Brian King Centre, Warman

Registration and coffee 9:15 am. Program starts 9:45 am.

FREE ADMISSION

Register by email info@saskmilk.ca or by calling 306-949-6999

TRANSFER CREDIT SUMMARY REPORT

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS TRANSFER IN	# OF PRODUCERS TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL KGS BUTTERFAT
December	18	21	25,158
January, 2017	18	20	18,475
February	14	13	10,555
March	18	16	15,492
April	18	20	14,786
May	17	13	11,238
June	10	12	8,301
July	12	13	9,427
August	20	17	16,209
September	16	21	17,869
October	20	24	25,836
November	20	22	21,772
December, 2017	19	22	23,850

PRIVATE TRANSFERS PROCESSED

MONTH	DAILY KILOGRAMS
Jan 2017	120.00
Feb	142.61
Mar	0.00
Apr	36.00
May	21.50
Jun	39.59
Jul	60.00
Aug	195.18
Sept	118.00
Oct	30.20
Nov	102.82
Dec 2017	255.22

OVER QUOTA (OVER 5 DAYS) REPORT BY MONTH

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS	KGS BUTTERFAT
December	6	937
January 2017	14	3,091
February	12	4,010
March	6	992
April	15	3,098
May	16	3,569
June	19	4,321
July	11	1,207
August	4	663
September	2	102
October	6	609
November	4	272
December 2017	8	956

SUMMARY REPORT OF CREDITS DECEMBER, 2017 – 162 PRODUCERS

DAYS	# OF PRODUCERS	POSITIVE CREDITS ACCUMULATED (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
+ 5	8	4,621
0 to + 5	30	9,741
TOTAL	38	14,362
DAYS	# OF PRODUCERS	NEGATIVE CREDITS ACCUMULATED (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
-15	3	-5,580
-10 to -15	26	-68,732
-5 to -10	56	-84,042
0 to -5	39	-24,282
TOTAL	124	-182,636

LOST OPPORTUNITY REPORT

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS	LOST OPPORTUNITY (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
December, 2017	3	1,237
November, 2017	6	2,750
October 2017	5	1,773
September, 2017	2	389
August, 2017	5	714
July, 2017	5	1,738
June, 2017	1	118
May, 2017	3	196
April, 2017	3	718
March 2017	1	250
February 2017	1	20
January 2017	0	0
December 2016	2	253

WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMPONENT TESTS & PRICES DECEMBER, 2017

Components	Average Test	Price per kilogram Class 1 to 5
Butterfat	4.1449	10.619246
Protein	3.3936	7.619226
Other Solids	5.7217	1.129778

Based on the average component tests for the province, the average price received was **\$76.34** per hectolitre. **The average butterfat price received per kilogram was \$18.40**

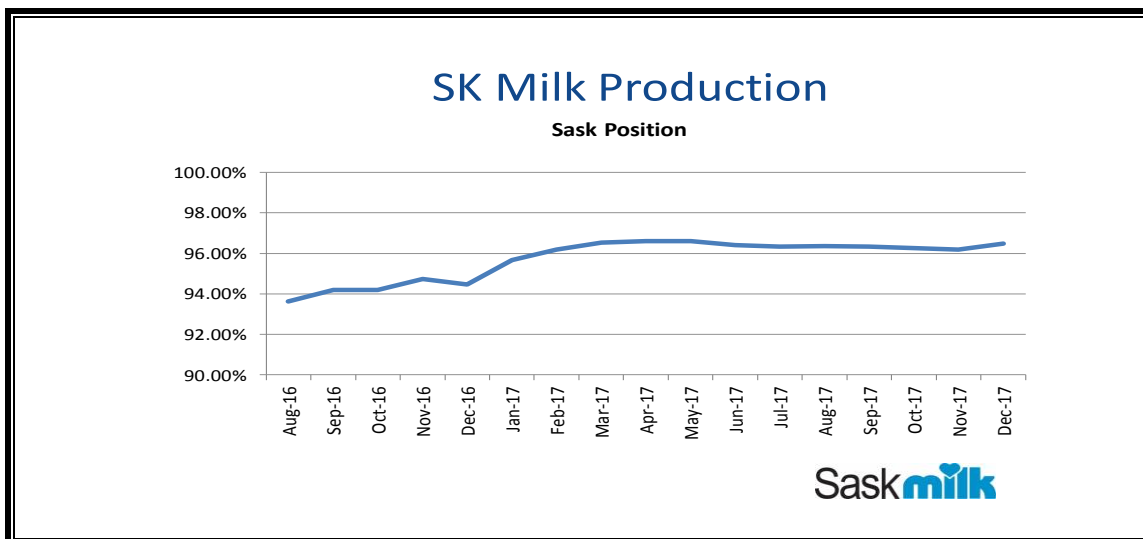
SASKATCHEWAN MILK POOL RESULTS DECEMBER 2017

Milk Sale Revenue	\$ 16,500,883.85
Western Milk Pool	\$ 1,498,198.77
Plant of Last Resort Service	\$ (55,298.95)
Total Pool Value	\$ 17,943,783.67

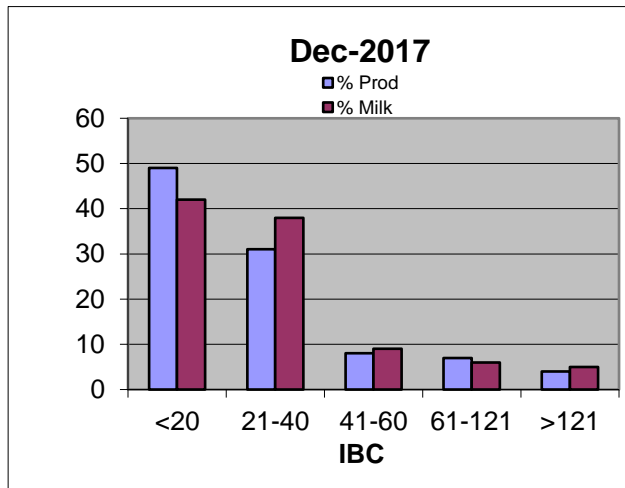
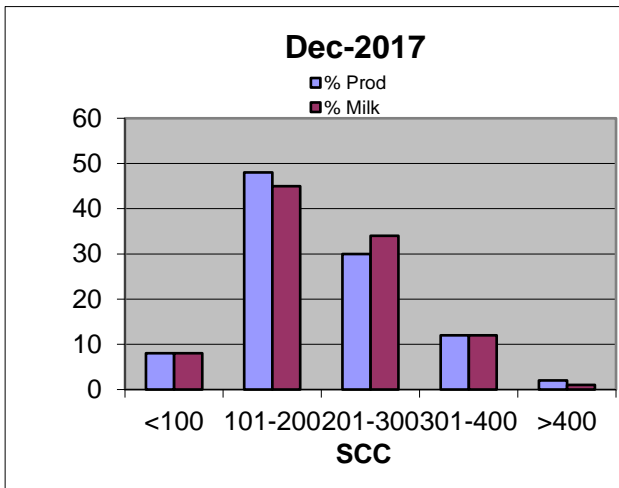
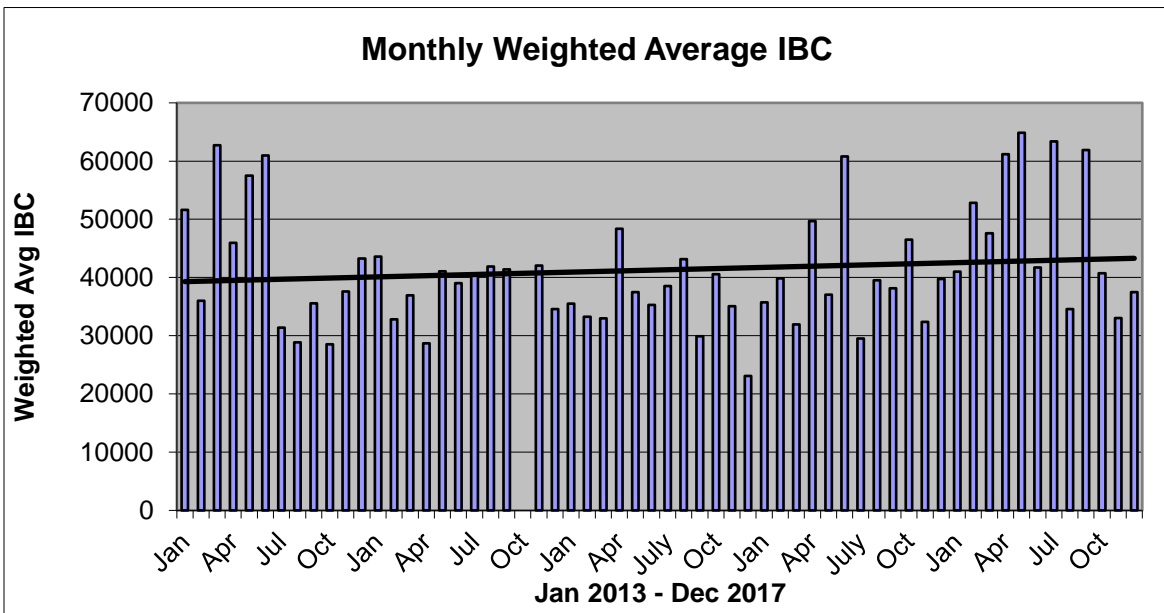
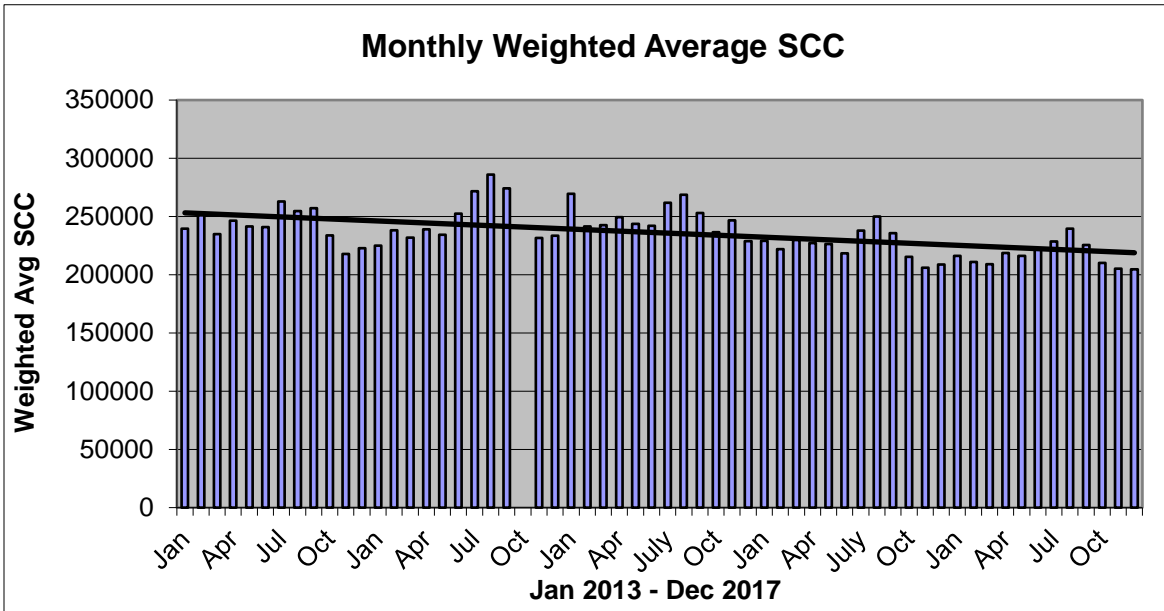
In December, Saskatchewan had a monthly CDC allocation of **1,005,236 kilograms** of butterfat. In the month of December, Saskatchewan production was **-30,245** of butterfat **under**. Saskatchewan has filled cumulatively **96.48%**.

	(1) Monthly Total Production	(2) Total Monthly CDC Quota Allocation	(3) Monthly Over or (Under) Production	(4) Cumulative Quota Filled in - %	(5) Daily Kgs Shipped
	Kgs bf	Kgs bf	Kgs bf		Kgs bf
			col. 1 - 2 = 3		
Dec-16	899,756	962,250	(62,494)	94.47%	29,024
Jan-17	898,489	882,882	15,607	95.66%	28,984
Feb-17	814,858	818,070	(3,212)	96.18%	29,102
Mar-17	908,424	917,973	(9,549)	96.53%	29,304
Apr-17	882,347	907,191	(24,844)	96.62%	29,412
May-17	907,310	941,000	(33,690)	96.60%	29,268
Jun-17	872,778	923,356	(50,578)	96.40%	29,093
Jul-17	896,607	937,580	(40,973)	96.34%	28,923
Aug-17	901,329	958,137	(56,808)	96.36%	29,075
Sept-17	883,930	934,554	(50,624)	96.33%	29,464
Oct-17	918,200	982,575	(64,375)	96.25%	29,619
Nov-17	909,519	953,131	(43,612)	96.18%	30,317
Dec-17	974,991	1,005,236	(30,245)	96.48%	31,451

- (1) Monthly Production in Saskatchewan
- (2) Total Monthly Quota = Class 1 sales + Monthly MSQ + Carry Forward
- (3) Difference between the monthly production (1) and the total monthly quota (2)
- (4) Cumulative position on a rolling 12 month period
- (5) Daily quota shipped



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1.2 Facilities for Special Needs

Special needs facilities are an option for grouping animals to provide for the special needs of calving, transition or sick/infirm cows (20). Special needs facilities should be designed to minimize stress. Appropriate stocking density and design are needed within special needs facilities to minimize competition for limited resources (e.g., feed bunks, stalls). Cows like to engage in the same activity at the same time so overstocking is a source of frustration if this need cannot be met (8).

REQUIREMENTS

Special needs facilities must provide comfort, insulation, warmth, dryness and traction. Bare concrete is not acceptable as a resting surface.

1.2.1 Calving

Cows are especially active in the hours before calving, so factors affecting the comfort of the calving area are especially important. Well-designed maternity pens benefit the cow and farm workers who supervise calving.

Newborn calves are susceptible to disease so calving facilities should be designed and maintained to minimize disease transmission.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES

- a. ensure each cow has an individual calving pen or cows in group calving pens have adequate space to permit any required assistance during delivery, and provide a comfortable, dry, sanitary environment for the cow and calf
- b. monitor and manage cows in group calving pens for aggressive behavior
- c. provide softer, non-slip flooring, such as soft rubber or straw pack
- d. equip pens with a feeder and source of water
- e. keep pens well lit and properly ventilated, but with minimal draft.

1.2.2 Post-Calving (Fresh Cows)

Most welfare problems of dairy cows arise during the post-calving period. Fresh cows need special care and a less competitive environment, which may be best achieved if managed as a separate group for free stall barns. Physical barriers, including head locks and feed stalls, can help reduce competition at the feed bunk and increase feeding time, particularly for subordinate cows (10).

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES

- a. ensure appropriate stocking densities are maintained (i.e., one cow per stall)
- b. minimize competition at the feed bunk (e.g., use physical barriers at the feed bunk (10), or provide at least 30in (76cm) of linear bunk space per cow (8))
- c. provide softer, non-slip flooring, such as soft rubber or straw pack
- d. minimize competition at the water troughs.

1.2.3 Sick And Injured Cattle

Provision should be made for the segregation, humane treatment and comfort of sick and injured animals.

REQUIREMENTS

Areas must be provided to segregate and treat sick and injured cattle.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES

- a. segregated areas should be sheltered and well-bedded
- b. provide softer, non-slip flooring, such as soft rubber or straw pack.

INHIBITOR TEST STATIONS

SaskMilk has established a number of inhibitor test stations around the province. Producers needing to check their bulk tanks for inhibitors can take a sample to the test station closest to their location.

The test stations have the Charm Trio test strips available for testing. The Charm Trio test is the test that the plant uses. It tests for the following drugs:

Beta-lactam Drug	Detection Level [†] (ppb*)	US Safe Level or Tolerance / Canadian MRL (ppb*)	Sulfa Drug	Detection Level [†] (ppb*)	US Safe Level or Tolerance / Canadian MRL (ppb*)
Amoxicillin	3.1	10 / None	Sulfadimethoxine	4.7	10 / 10 [∞]
Ampicillin	7.7	10 / 10	Sulfamethazine	7.7	10 / 10 [∞]
Ceftiofur and Metabolites [^]	53	100 / 100	Tetracycline Drug	Detection Level [†] (ppb*)	US Safe Level/Tolerance / Canadian MRL (ppb*)
Cephapirin	14	20 / 20	Chlortetracycline	54	300 / 100
Cloxacillin	7.4	10 / None	Oxytetracycline	66	300 / 100
Penicillin G	2.2	5 / 6 ^{&}	Tetracycline	21	300 / 100

† Positive at least 90% of the time with 95% confidence.

* parts per billion or ng/mL

[^] Ceftiofur parent drug sensitivity is approximately 1/2 that reported in the table.

[&] Canadian MRL for penicillin G is 0.01 IU/ml, equivalent to 6 ppb.

[∞] Canadian MRL for sulfa drugs are singly or in combination with other MRL listed sulfonamides.

Test stations are located at the following locations:

1. Swift Current, SK - Agrifoods truck bay - 675 Cheadle Street West
Office 306-773-1097 or Rodger Ruf 306-741-3261
2. Harris, SK - Cairns Farm – Wes Cairns 306-656-4807
3. Star City, SK - Star City Colony - Reuben Tschetter 306-921-9381
4. Grenfell, SK - Jim Ross 306-697-2232
5. Yorkton, SK - Ford Dairy Farms Inc. - Bud and Margaret Ford 306-782-7240
6. Saskatoon, SK – Agrifoods Truck Bay - east of the Saputo plant receiving bay
lead hand – Mike V. or Mike K. 306-664-0202 after hours: 306-668-8135

Charm tests strips and Charm testers are now available for purchase through SaskMilk. Agrifoods is now carrying SNAP test kits for tetracyclines as well as beta lactams.

For further information you can contact: Deb Haupstein 306-721-9486



If You Can't Ship It - Test It!

BSE surveillance is still important and every animal tested makes a difference.

Support your cattle industry by having your 4-D (dead, diseased, dying or downer) cattle tested for BSE.

For more information, call the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at 1-877-727-5273.

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SaskMilk offers a free quota listing service as part of its Newsletter. Anyone wishing to sell or purchase quota and/or cows or miscellaneous dairy equipment is welcome to contact the SaskMilk office at (306) 949-6999. All prices and negotiations will be independent of SaskMilk. **Please note that ads will be posted in two issues and will then be removed unless SaskMilk is notified otherwise.**

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