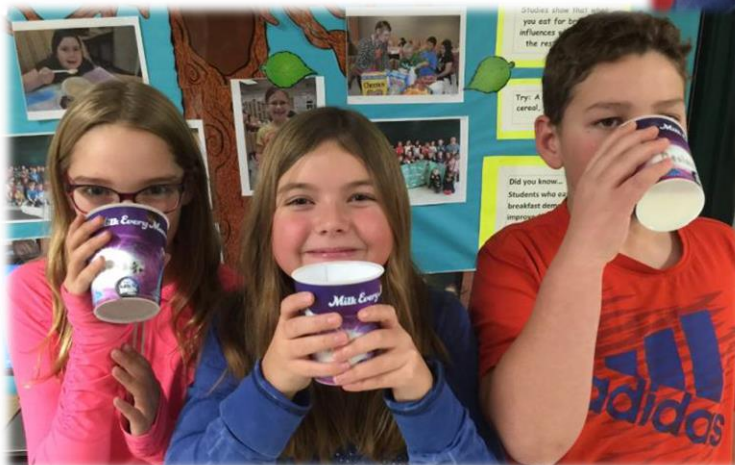


SaskMilk in the Community!

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*Breakfast for Learning:
Providing students with the nutrition they need for
academic and social success!*



Chase and Mark of Big Dawg – Learning to milk cows at Lovholm Holsteins!



The **SaskMilk Scholarship** is presented to students based on academic achievement and an interest in dairy production. This award of \$1500 is sponsored by SaskMilk.

Mel Foth, SaskMilk Chair, presented the scholarship to this year's recipient Dana Tkatchuk. Dana has been a member and president of the U of S Pre-Vet club and a member of the Animal Bioscience club. She was a summer research assistant in the Rayner Dairy and Teaching Facility last year. She hopes to become a large animal veterinarian in the future.

From Dairy Farmers of Canada this month...

Education program changes doctors' minds on lactose intolerance

An online continuing education program developed by Dairy Farmers of Canada is changing the way medical professionals treat patients with lactose intolerance.

The science-based program demonstrates that it is unnecessary for lactose intolerant patients to restrict or exclude dairy from their diets. It also states that consuming lactose in limited amounts at a time and with other foods yields few symptoms, as does choosing dairy products such as yogurt and cheese.

Participation has far exceeded our expectations. Since May 2015, 1,051 medical practitioners from across Canada have taken the course. Not only have we exceeded our enrolment estimates, but participants indicated that the program has changed the way they will treat patients who are lactose intolerant.

Pre- and post-test surveys indicate that participants are less likely to recommend eliminating dairy products from the diets of patients with lactose intolerance after taking the course. Before the program, 23% of participants said they would very likely recommend eliminating milk products to a lactose intolerant patient. After the course, that figure fell to below 4%.

This is great news for the dairy industry, as more physicians now feel comfortable supporting a healthy diet that includes dairy for a group of people who have long been told to stay away from it. The continuing education program was created in partnership with MDBriefcase, an organization specializing in free online accreditation learning programs for physicians, medical students, residents and nurse practitioners. It will run for a total of one year.

APAS Farm Program Survey

How is the current suite of business risk management programs working for your operation?

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is conducting the **APAS Farm Program Survey** to collect input from Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers on “Growing Forward 2” business risk management programs. APAS wants to know which programs Saskatchewan agricultural producers are using, whether coverage levels are adequate to help you manage risk, and what types of program changes are needed to better fit the needs of Saskatchewan’s farm operations.

The survey is anonymous, available online, and takes approximately 3 minutes to complete.

At the end of the survey, participants are invited to enter their email address for a chance to win a **\$150 Gift Card to Mark’s Work Wear House**.

The APAS Farm Survey can be accessed directly at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7LH9GSZ> The survey and additional information are also provided at: www.apas.ca

Reminder!

The deadline date for Quota Transfer and the Quota Exchange is the 6th of each month

Your Quota Transfer Application 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

If you have any questions please contact Bev Solie at #306-721-9488



University of Alberta Calf Conference

June 8, 2016 10:00am – 3:00pm

A conference dedicated to feeding, growth, health, and management of pre-weaned calves.



Tours of the University of Alberta Dairy Research and Technology Centre and Calf Facility from 10:00am – 11:45am, with a workshop for automated calf feeders beginning at 10:30am. As space is limited registration is required to attend the workshop.

What will you learn at this conference?

- Early life nutrition for growth, health and future production
- Practical aspects of automated calf feeding and health related issues with automated feeding
- Dietary factors influencing calf gut development

Speakers include:

- Jan Ziemerink, Foerster-Technik
- Dr. James Drackley, University of Illinois
- Dr. Bob James, Virginia Tech
- Dr. Michael Steele, University of Alberta

The conference is free to attend, however, to help us plan lunch and seating, pre-registration is required

For registration please visit www.drtc.ualberta.ca

Or contact Jennifer Haisan at drtc@ualberta.ca or 780-686-2793



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Ag in the City is a free family event that demonstrates the role agriculture plays in everyone's daily lives.

The goal of Ag in the City is to educate urban audiences about agriculture by identifying connections between farming and food. By understanding modern agricultural practices, consumers can make more informed decisions about food options, recognize the value of Saskatchewan-made products (both food and non-food) and understand that the agriculture industry has an impact on regional, national and global economies.

The event strategy is developed and executed by a collaborative group of key stakeholders that include Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, **SaskMilk**, Ag-West Bio, the University of Saskatchewan College of AgBio, Saskatchewan Egg Producers, Saskatchewan Pork Producers, the Food Centre and the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers. The one-day event features a trade show, main stage cooking demonstrations, food sampling and hands-on demonstrations and activities at six activity zones set up in the main aisle of the mall.



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VETERINARY OVERSIGHT IN ANTIMICROBIAL USE DECISIONS – WHAT ON EARTH IS A “V-C-P-R”

Veterinarians play an important role in ensuring a safe food supply by promoting animal health and welfare. This role includes being a gate-keeper for pharmaceuticals. Veterinarians are trained to make treatment recommendations that are evidence-based and efficacious without compromising food safety.

Health Canada lists some antimicrobials as prescription drugs under [Schedule F](#). Other antimicrobials *may be* available without a prescription (i.e. over-the-counter) but require a prescription if their use differs from label claims.

Veterinarians carry a big responsibility when it comes to prescribing and dispensing prescription drugs. A veterinary prescription cannot be supplied unless a valid Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR) exists. Key elements of this relationship include the following:

- The veterinarian is registered with their provincial Veterinary Medical Association and is working in a licenced veterinary practice
- The veterinarian assumes responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animals and the need for medical treatment.
- The veterinarian has seen the animals within an appropriate time frame to be familiar with their keeping and care
- The owner or caretaker agrees to follow the instructions of the veterinarian
- The veterinarian is available for follow up in case of adverse reactions or treatment failure

The word “relationship” implies responsibilities for both parties. As a producer it is your responsibility to engage your veterinarian on at least an annual basis and be prepared to follow their advice and instructions.

Producers should expect to hear the term “VCPR” more. The next post will focus on proposed changes to regulations surrounding access to veterinary antimicrobials. The most impactful change could potentially be the strengthening of veterinary oversight for antimicrobial use. This oversight would exclusively occur under the umbrella of a Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship.

So what’s the take home message? If your farm’s relationship status is currently “SINGLE” it is time to take steps to get “IN A RELATIONSHIP”.

The Barn, Source of Comfort

Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) in partnership with Valacta are presenting a series of 3 webinars on the comfort in the barn. These webinars will present recommendations and simple methods for evaluating if your barn is comfortable, if your cows are comfortable in their stall and what would be the solutions to improve the situation if this is not the case. The first webinar in the series took place in February. However, there are still 2 more webinars available to participate in.



CONTENT, SCHEDULE, EXPERTS

The 2 remaining webinars will address the following topics:

W2 – Comfortable Surface

W3 – Comfortable Space

English:

W2: March 31 from 12h to 1h30

W3: April 6 from 12h à 1h30

French:

W2: March 30 from 12h à 1h30

W3: April 5 from 12h à 1h30

Expert: Trevor DeVries, Associated Professor,
University of Guelph, Ontario

Expert: Steve Adam, Comfort, Behavior
and Welfare Expert, Valacta, Québec

FOR REGISTRATION / DOCUMENTATION

Webinars are free of charge and offered by Dairy Farmers of Canada.

Participants register now at www.dairyknowledge.ca, in the section WEBINARS.

Download now the Practical Guide for Evaluation and Improving Comfort in the Barn at:
www.dairyknowledge.ca, in the section DOCUMENTS.

For more information, please contact:

Shelley Crabtree, Communication Specialist, Dairy Research Cluster at:

Shelley.Crabtree@dairyresearch.ca;

or

Anne-Marie Christen, Coordinator, Valacta at: amchristen@valacta.com.

REMINDER

CQM EQUIPMENT FUNDING

Funding for equipment related to the implementation of the CQM program will end
March 31, 2016.

If you want to make a claim for equipment the application and invoice must be
submitted no later than March 31, 2016.

For further information and application forms please contact Deb Haupstein 306-
721-9486

Equipment Funding: is available to all producers registered and non- registered (new producers).
Funding is a maximum of \$750/producer based on a 50% producer cost share.

Certified Producer Equipment Funding: is available to CQM registered producers. Funding is a
maximum of \$2000/producer based on a 50% producer cost share and is in addition to the \$750.

A producer is eligible for a total of \$2750 for On Farm Food Safety specified equipment if they are
CQM registered. Eligible items must total at least \$5500 to get the full \$2750 rebate.

**Top up funding for equipment already purchased and claimed from January 21, 2013, to present
is allowed.**

Equipment eligible for funding includes:

1. Time Temperature Recorder (TTR) for milk cooling and storage
2. Safety switch
3. Backflow valves
4. OFFS compliant light fixtures, light covers/shatter proof bulbs (bulbs first time purchase only).
5. Thermometers and vacuum columns.
6. On-farm food safety software (record keeping software) Note: software is eligible under
Livestock Traceability Rebate if RFID/traceability tracking capable. Producers cannot access
funding from both programs for these items. (See On-Farm Food Safety Software below)
7. Water treatment equipment limited to strip readers, circulating pump, pH meter, water
chlorinator, sanitizer strength reading devices, moisture analyzer/water activity meter and check
valves for detergents and sanitizers.
8. Antibiotic testers (incubators/readers only, not ongoing supplies)
If you test on farm antibiotic incubators/readers are eligible for funding.
(See Inhibitor Screening at the Plant below)

INHIBITOR SCREENING AT THE PLANT

Inhibitor screening at the plant is changing. The plant has been using the Charm 3SL3 test which detects all six beta lactam antibiotics (Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Ceftiofur, Cephapirin, Cloxacillin, Penicillin G) allowed for use on dairy farms.

The Charm Trio test will be replacing the Charm 3SL3.

The Charm Trio test detects:

Beta lactams: Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Ceftiofur, Cephapirin, Cloxacillin, Penicillin G

Sulfas: Sulfadimethoxine, Sulfamethazine

Tetracyclines: Chlortetracycline, Oxytetracycline, Tetracycline

The Charm Trio strip requires an EZ lite reader.

ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY SOFTWARE

The CQM program recognizes two categories of compliance: complete and partial. A software program has to contain at least one complete record to be included on the partial list. If a company has not requested a review, it will not appear on either list; therefore, the lists may not be complete.

The CQM program relies on the companies listed below to inform it of any changes they make to their software programs in order to keep this list current.

Complete: Software Programs that contain ALL of the CQM record keeping requirements:

1. VAMPP: www.vampp.com/
2. Dairy Comp Scout / 305 program with the Canadian Quality Milk module, released with the January 2007 annual update: www.canwestdhi.com/dairycomp.htm
3. SigaDairy Farm Software: www.siga.net
4. DairyPlan C21 version 5.240 with the new 5.240 Canadian language file: www.westfalia.com
5. Lac-T: www.lac-t.com (Note: Lac-T is replacing SigaDairy Farm Software and DS@HR).
6. CQM Logger, Version 62: www.cqmlogger.ca
7. VetCheck, Version 5.2 or greater: www.vcidairy.com
8. SmartDairy® HerdMetrix™, Version 4.0 or greater: www.mysmartdairy.com
9. BouMatic Robotics' HerdMetrix, Version number: 4.1 or greater: www.uniform-agri.com
10. UNIFORM, Version number: 4.1 or greater: www.uniform-agri.com
11. Insentec's SATURNUS 20.20, Version number 4.1 or greater: www.insentec.eu
12. SAC's TIM (Total Integrated Milking), Version number: 4.1 or greater: www.sacmilking.com

Partial: Software Programs that contain SOME of the CQM record keeping requirements (records identified):

1. DS@HR Inc meets requirements for Records 9, 10 and 11: www.dsahr.ca
2. T4C: Time for Cows, Version 3.2.9.28 or greater, meets requirements for Records 1 to 7, 9, 10 and 11: www.lely.com

Please note: producers can choose whichever software program they wish to use, whether it is included on the lists above or not. Also, producers do not have to keep records electronically; they can keep records on paper.

Who should I call?

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

<i>For...</i>	<i>Call...</i>	<i>At...</i>
<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 or 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 	Joy Smith	306-721-9482

QUOTA EXCHANGE

The market-clearing price established for the March 2016 Quota Exchange was **\$32,020.00**

The next Quota Exchange will be held on **April 15, 2016**. All offers to sell and bids to purchase quota through the Quota Exchange must be received at the SaskMilk office by midnight, **April 6, 2016**. 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.

MARCH 2016 QUOTA EXCHANGE RESULTS SUMMARY

Market Clearing Price per kilogram of butterfat	\$ 32,020.00
Daily Kilograms offered to Purchase	96.40
Kilograms offered to Sell	83.63
Kilograms sold	75.40
Number of Producers	
- offered to purchase	8
- purchased quota	6
- offered to sell	8
- sold quota	7

MARCH 2016 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
\$29,900.00	1	1	21.00	21.00	-75.40	96.40	0.00	8	0
\$30,500.00	1	2	1.00	22.00	-74.40	96.40	0.00	8	0
\$31,000.00	3	5	7.05	29.05	-67.35	96.40	0.00	8	0
\$31,100.00	0	5	0.00	29.05	-67.35	96.40	10.00	8	1
\$32,000.00	2	7	50.66	79.71	-6.69	86.40	11.00	7	1
\$32,020.00	0	7	0.00	79.71	4.31	75.40	15.00	6	1
\$32,150.00	0	7	0.00	79.71	19.31	60.40	30.00	5	1
\$32,500.00	1	8	3.92	83.63	53.23	30.40	0.00	4	0
\$33,000.00	0	8	0.00	83.63	53.23	30.40	15.40	4	3
\$33,200.00	0	8	0.00	83.63	68.63	15.00	15.00	1	1

* 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.

TRANSFER CREDIT SUMMARY REPORT

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS TRANSFER IN	# OF PRODUCERS TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL KGS BUTTERFAT
February	20	15	20,251
March	18	15	14,470
April	25	14	26,975
May	25	17	19,225
June	14	8	11,115
July	14	15	21,727
August	16	15	24,450
September	15	12	20,694
October	17	13	19,725
November	25	19	29,314
December	19	21	26,281
January, 2016	15	12	24,251
February	21	22	16,504

PRIVATE TRANSFERS PROCESSED

MONTH	DAILY KILOGRAMS
Mar	17.00
Apr	72.79
May	8.00
June	50.00
July	984.94
Aug	234.82
Sept	0.00
Oct	148.25
Nov	10.00
Dec	45.00
Jan-2016	0.00
Feb	1.4

OVER QUOTA (OVER 5 DAYS) REPORT BY MONTH

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS	KGS BUTTERFAT
February	9	3,272
March	13	2,999
April	8	578
May	6	1,172
June	8	658
July	8	700
August	0	0
September	1	58
October	8	897
November	11	2,898
December	15	2,926
January, 2016	13	5,187
February	15	4,786

SUMMARY REPORT OF CREDITS February, 2016 – 161 PRODUCERS

DAYS	# OF PRODUCERS	POSITIVE CREDITS ACCUMULATED (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
+ 5	15	8,594
0 to + 5	54	22,036
TOTAL	69	30,630
DAYS	# OF PRODUCERS	NEGATIVE CREDITS ACCUMULATED (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
-15	5	-7,745
-10 to -15	14	-36,233
-5 to -10	38	-47,772
0 to -5	35	-15,033
TOTAL	92	-106,783

LOST OPPORTUNITY REPORT

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS	LOST OPPORTUNITY (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
February	11	3,569
March	8	3,596
April	8	3,561
May	8	4,908
June	12	5,221
July	11	8,975
August	16	9,691
September	18	9,178
October	18	7,584
November	11	4,616
December	11	3,732
January, 2016	10	5,285
February	5	2,995

WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMPONENT TESTS & PRICES February, 2016

Components	Average Test	Price per kilogram Class 1 to 5
Butterfat	3.9990	10.554415
Protein	3.3505	7.554416
Other Solids	5.7420	1.101998

Based on the average component tests for the province, the average price received was **\$73.8457** per hectolitre. **The average butterfat price received per kilogram was \$18.36**

SASKATCHEWAN MILK POOL RESULTS February 2016

Milk Sale Revenue	\$ 14,203,820.22
Western Milk Pool	\$ 755,310.83
Plant of Last Resort Service	\$ (57,321.63)
Total Pool Value	\$ 14,901,809.42

In February, Saskatchewan had a monthly CDC allocation of **825,537 kilograms** of butterfat. In the month of February, Saskatchewan production was **-13,764** of butterfat **under** and cumulatively **under** by **-149,265 kilograms** of butterfat. On a percentage basis, Saskatchewan is **-1.50%** within our CDC allocation flexibility limits based on the Continuous Quota model. The **-1.50%** lower flexibility limit is in effect.

	(1) Monthly Total Production Kgs bf	(2) Total Monthly CDC Quota Allocation Kgs bf	(3) Monthly Over or (Under) Production Kgs bf col. 1 - 2 = 3	(4) Lower Flexibility Limit (1.5%) Kgs bf col. 9 * -1.5%	(5) Upper Flexibility Limit 1.0% Kgs bf col. 9 *1.0%	(6) Cumulative Over or (Under) Production with limits Kgs bf	(7) Cumulative Over or (Under) Production with limits in - % col. 6 / 9	(8) Over Quota or (Lost Production Opportunity) Kgs bf	(9) Rolling 12 Month Total Quota Kgs bf
Feb-15	759,351	747,742	11,609	(142,029)	47,343	(111,877)	-1.18%	0	9,468,575
Mar-15	832,187	817,238	14,949	(142,679)	47,560	(94,301)	-0.99%	0	9,511,947
Apr-15	804,566	801,582	2,984	(143,119)	47,706	(88,060)	-0.92%	0	9,541,277
May-15	827,966	812,326	15,640	(143,545)	47,848	(72,924)	-0.76%	0	9,569,698
Jun-15	797,815	792,050	5,765	(144,034)	48,011	(67,014)	-0.70%	0	9,602,300
Jul-15	810,653	800,163	10,490	(144,358)	48,119	(55,723)	-0.58%	0	9,623,869
Aug-15	811,771	814,385	(2,614)	(145,053)	48,351	(66,457)	-0.69%	0	9,670,195
Sept-15	803,418	815,971	(12,553)	(145,388)	48,463	(72,620)	-0.75%	0	9,692,516
Oct-15	840,719	857,248	(16,529)	(145,757)	48,586	(89,950)	-0.93%	0	9,717,157
Nov-15	822,399	817,226	5,173	(145,324)	48,441	(44,269)	-0.46%	0	9,688,278
Dec-15¹	864,380	962,297	(97,917)	(147,083)	49,028	(142,067)	-1.45%	0	9,805,509
Jan-16	872,836	873,832	(996)	(148,058)	49,353	(143,063)	-1.45%	0	9,870,562
Feb-16	811,773	825,537	(13,764)	(149,265)	49,755	(149,265)	-1.50%	(7,562)	9,950,989

- (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) The Lower Flexibility Limit is -1.5% of Rolling 12 Month Total Quota (9)
- (5) The Upper Flexibility Limit is 1.0% of Rolling 12 Month Total Quota (9)
- (6) Previous Month Cumulative Over or (Under) Production + Current Monthly Over or (Under) Production (capped at lower or upper limit if applicable)
- (7) Equal to Column (6) expressed as a percentage basis within the flexibility limits
- (8) Over Quota or (Lost production opportunity) outside of flexibility limits
- (9) Total Monthly CDC Quota Allocation for the previous 12 months

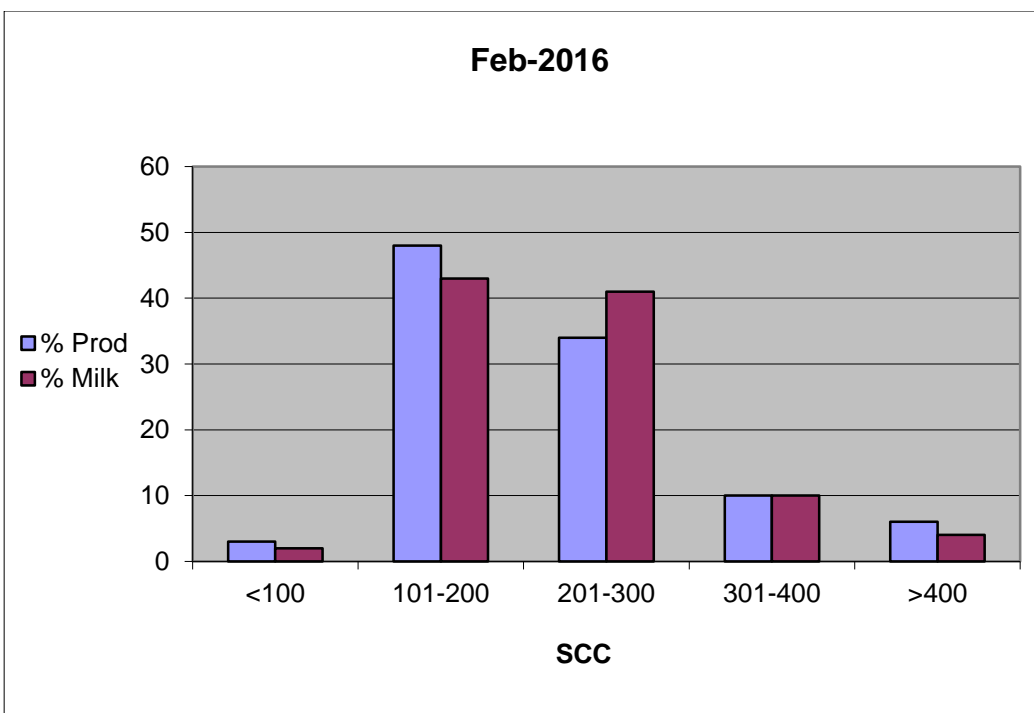
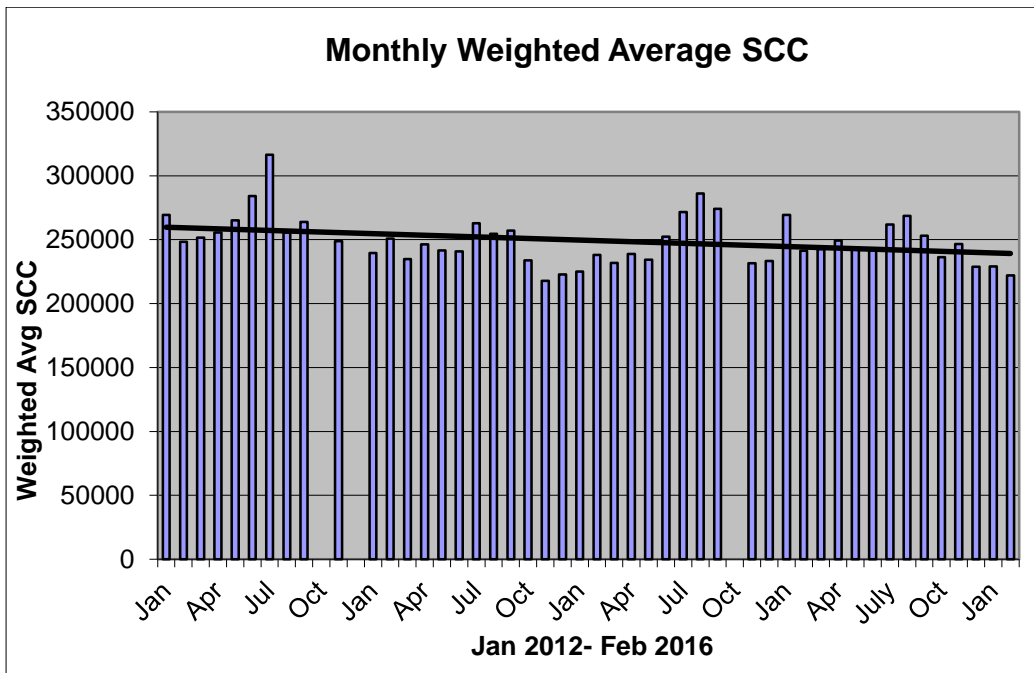
¹ At the CMSMC meeting a temporary 3% Growth Allowance has been added as of Dec 2015.

SCC LIMIT NOW 400,000

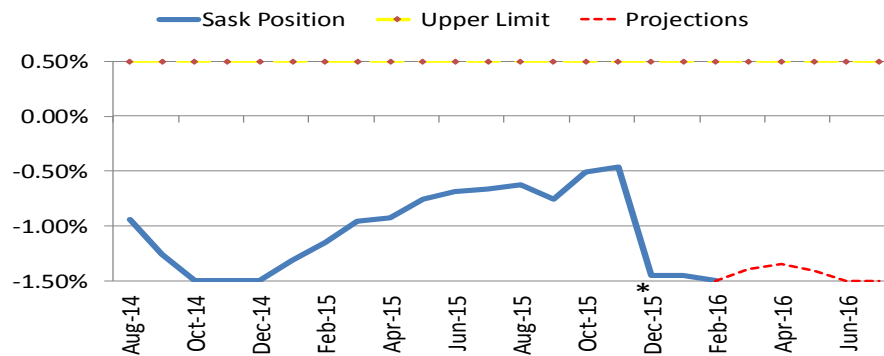
Effective January 1, 2013, the SCC limit has changed to 400,000. Penalties and violations will be applied based on the new limit.

The following graphs provide producers with an overview of the Provincial Somatic Cell Count weighted average on a monthly basis as well as a breakdown of the % of producers in each SCC level for the month of February 2016.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact: Deb Haupstein at 306-721-9486.



SK Milk Production



*At the CMSMC meeting a temporary 3% Growth Allowance has been added as of Dec 2015. New projections will be provided next month.

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.

Charm test strips are available to test for:

Beta-Lactams- the Charm 3 SL3 Beta Lactam test strip tests for amoxicillin, ampicillin, ceftiofur, cephapirin, cloxacillin, and penicillin G

Tetracyclines- the Charm Tetracycline test strip tests for chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and tetracycline.

Sulfas- the Charm Sulfa test strip tests for sulfacetamide, sulfachlorpyridazine, sulfadiazine, sulfadimethoxine, sulfadoxine, sulfamethoxypyridazine, sulfamerazine, sulfamethazine, sulfamethoxazole, sulfamethoxazole, sulfamethoxyypyridazine, sulfapyridine, sulfaquinoxaline, sulfathiazole, and sulfisoxazole.

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 - Jim or Clint 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

Code of Practice

3.8 Calves

Generally, dairy calves are separated from their mothers shortly after birth. There are benefits to both calf and dam by allowing the pair to bond. Allowing the calf to spend a longer period of time with the dam may result in lowered morbidity and mortality in the calf; however, separation stress to both the cow and calf will be higher the longer they are together. Cow health is generally improved by allowing the calf to suckle (related to oxytocin effects on the post-partum uterus). Whether the calf is removed immediately or allowed to suckle the cow, it is important to ensure that the calf receives adequate colostrum (41).

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES

- a. monitor calf body temperature for two weeks following birth
- b. reduce separation distress by either removing the calf shortly after birth or by using a two-step weaning process (41)
- c. monitor calves closely for signs of illness and treat promptly.

3.9 Sick, Injured, and Cull Animals

The comfort and humane treatment of sick, injured or cull animals are priorities. An effective Herd Health Management Program (see Section 3.4) will identify sick or injured animals early and enable the development of protocols for the treatment or timely culling (fattening for slaughter, immediate slaughter or euthanasia) of those animals. Of special concern are downers (non-ambulatory animals) or severely debilitated animals. Prompt decision-making and action are vital to ensure the welfare of special needs animals.

Animal owners, veterinarians and laboratories are required to immediately report the presence of an animal that is infected or suspected of being infected with a reportable disease to a CFIA District Veterinarian. Control or eradication measures will be applied immediately. Reportable diseases are listed in the Health of Animals Act and Regulations (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/h-3.3/>) and are usually of significant importance to human or animal health or to the Canadian economy. Anthrax, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy and Rabies are examples of reportable diseases applicable to cattle.

REQUIREMENTS

Cattle that are sick, injured, in pain or suffering must be provided prompt medical care or be euthanized.

Cattle with untreatable conditions, not responding to treatment, or not fit for transport must be promptly euthanized.

Appropriate authorities must be advised of any suspect or confirmed cases of reportable disease.

If animals are culled, drug withdrawal times must be observed.

Apparatus to lift and support recumbent animals must be used with care and according to manufacturer's specifications. Animals must be able to breathe freely and not suffer unnecessary discomfort.

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RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES

- a. have sheltered, segregated and well-bedded sick pens for cattle that are sick, injured or recovering from surgery
- b. monitor sick, injured or recovering animals at least twice daily
- c. consult with the herd veterinarian regarding treatment
- d. identify decision trigger points for culling including:
 - when to stop treating an animal if it is not responding
 - the point past which, if an animal is not meeting target requirements (e.g., milk production), it is to be culled.



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.

Spring Producer Meetings

April 8th (Friday)
Qu'Appelle
Royal Canadian Legion
197 Company Avenue
Fort Qu'Appelle, SK

April 11th (Monday)
Swift Current
F.O.E. Eagles
1910 S Service Rd W.
Swift Current, SK

April 12th (Tuesday) Fort
Warman
Legends Centre
701 Centennial Blvd. N.
Warman, SK

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

QUOTA LISTING or CLASSIFIED AD SERVICE

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.**

Classifieds

Winter hardy, multi-foliet, common alfalfa seed. Saskatchewan grown. \$3.25 lb. **Contact 306-955-6063 or 306-221-4845**

Looking for quota to purchase Contact Lyle, Mil-en-roy Farms 1981 Ltd, **306-771-2777**

1998 Houle EL48-8D 7900 gal manure tank with 1000 PTO, disc incorporators, farmer owned, shedded, good condition. \$35,000. Grenfell, SK. **Contact 306-697-7030**

Heifers for sale:

#44– March 12, 2016 (already calved);
#51– April 9, 2016; #46– May 15, 2016;
#49– May 16, 2016; #54– May 18, 2016;
#53– May 20, 2016; #32– May 21, 2016;
#41– June 3, 2016; #55– June 6, 2016;
#52– Aug 4, 2016; #48– Sept 15, 2016;
#47– Sept 24, 2016; #58– Sept 26, 2016;
#57 – Dec 8, 2016 Becky Elude. **For more info call 306-697-3192**

Fresh and springing Holstein heifers for sale. **Contact 306-232-4244**

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