

NEWSLETTER

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NSCP Levy Collection Program

DFNS continues to cooperate with the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers in providing all dairy producers with a means to register with NSCP and submit their levy once a year. The levy is mandatory, and many dairy farms have voluntarily participated in the annual levy collection program.

Effective January 1, 2017, the NSCP levy increases to \$6 per head. At the same time, DFNS and NSCP have revised the calculation used to determine a dairy farm's levy owing. This formula uses each farm's TPQ and incorporates milking and dry cows, heifers and bull calves, plus industry average culling, death, and production levels. The revised formula will result in slightly less animal units per kg TPQ for levy calculation purposes, and appears in the NSCP regulations.

Those producers interested in participating in the annual levy collection need to complete and return an authorization form to DFNS by December 15, 2016. The levy collection happens in mid-January 2017, and applies for the full calendar year. The authorization stays in place for future years until the producer cancels it.

Those producers currently enrolled in the program will need to re-authorize DFNS to collect for 2017 and beyond due to both the levy rate and formula parameters changing. A letter and authorization form will be sent to farms currently enrolled. The 2017 authorization forms will be available from both the DFNS and the NSCP offices. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the NSCP office by calling 902-893-7455.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES:

October 10, 2016.....Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
October 13, 2016.....Quota Exchange Deadline
October 25, 2016.....Quota Lease Deadline
November 11, 2016.....Remembrance Day—Office Closed

DFNB Newsletter

Visit www.nbmilk.org/en/ and click on the "Milk Matters" link to read their monthly newsletter.

Chair's Message

It is nice September day when I am writing this. All of our forages are harvested and stored. Barley harvest is complete, with the exception of gathering up a few bales of straw. We are starting to get into the fall mode of seeding cover crops and fall application of lime, wood ash, and potash. I wish the cows would give a little more butterfat, but that will come.

The board is gearing up for a busy fall. Implementation of the ingredient strategy will take considerable time. One of the major steps will be in late September. We are hosting a NS industry-wide information session. DFNS, Council, and processors (large and small) will be at this meeting. There will be a presentation outlining specifics of the ingredient strategy with a Q&A opportunity. The next steps will include creating the regulatory framework to implement the changes of the new marketing direction from the ingredient strategy. All of this is new information requiring an understanding from the board to make decisions on which regulations need to be changed and how. DFNS will require Council to understand the ingredient strategy also, because they are the group that ultimately approve all regulatory changes.

The other aspect of these changes is that we have to be in step with the other provinces. All provinces are adopting and implementing the same types of changes in their provinces. But differences in provincial authority levels and who is involved makes it unique for each province. The target is for all provinces to have it fully implemented by February 2017. Given the dedication of our provincial team, we expect the deadline will be met.

Remember to vote in the DFNS election!

Andrew McCurdy, DFNS Chair

proAction Sessions & Fall Regional Meetings

proAction Sessions	10:00 am to 1:00 pm
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*****See insert included with this issue for more information**

Results of the September 2016 Quota Exchange

Iteration (all buyers): 0.89 kgs
 Prorated for buyers: 7.20%

Kilograms		Producers	
		Buying Quota	72
Purchased (<i>actual</i>)	125.67	Offering to Buy	72
Offered to Purchase	928.64	Selling Quota	11
Offered to Sell	125.67	Offering to Sell	11

Price	Offers to Sell (kgs)	Cumulative Sales	Difference	Cumulative Buys	Offers to Buy (kgs)
\$24,000	125.67	125.67	-802.97	928.64	928.64

Quota Exchange Deadline	Payment Due Date
September 13, 2016	September 28, 2016
October 13, 2016	October 28, 2016
November 10, 2016	November 28, 2016

Dairy Services Lab Results August 2016

Bactoscan Individual Bacteria Count (IBC)		
Count	Samples	Percent
<35,000	202	89.4
35,001-121,000	21	9.3
>121,000	3	1.3
TOTAL	226	100.0

98.7% meet provincial standard

Average IBC – August 2016 27,947

Average Somatic Cell Count (SCC): 225,018

Adulteration (added water and/or antibiotics)

Water (Farm Tanks)	1
Antibiotics (Tankers)	0

P5 QUOTA EXCHANGE MCP

PEI	\$24,000
New Brunswick..	\$20,900
Ontario	\$24,000
Quebec.....	\$24,000

proAction: Upcoming Cattle Assessments by Holstein Canada Begin

September 2016 DFC "Latest News"

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Send your **CQM/proAction** Self Declarations or corrections to:

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Year End Round-Up

With the 2015/16 Dairy Year behind us, here's a snapshot of how the year went:

- Total milk produced 184,729,037 litres, 3.4% more than last year
- Average BF test of 4.02 kg/hl, down slightly from 4.04 last year
- Total BF produced increased by more than 210,000 kg over the year
- 12-month rolling SNF:BF ratio increased slightly from 2.2381 to 2.2452
- Individual producer total overquota declined by 37% from last year
- Individual producer unrecoverable doubled when compared to last year
- Average SCC remained at 198,000 for the second year in a row with only two monthly averages exceeding 200,000!
- The Bactoscan results averaged 44,115 IBC
- Provincial annual dipstick-to-meter shrink total dropped by 171,000 L

3% Quota Increase November 1st

The P5 Boards have approved a 3% producer saleable quota increase, effective November 1, 2016. This quota increase is in addition to the 1% quota increases previously announced in each of the months of July, August, and September 2016.

This decision aims at increasing P5 milk production to completely fill all current demand and rebuild butter stocks from 21,000 tonnes to the target level of 30,000 tonnes by July 2017. In general, demand for dairy products continues to grow between 3% and 4% annually.

The P5 Quota Committee will continue to monitor market trends and production to determine if any further adjustments are required.



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Cream Supplemental Imports Approved

A surge in demand for butterfat these past few years and production quota increases taking time to materialize, Canadian supply of butterfat is still on the short side to satisfy Canadian demand.

While supplementary import permits for butter have been issued on a couple of occasions, the importation of butter wasn't sufficient to satisfy some manufacturers who were seeking access to butterfat in the form of cream.

AAFC, Global Affairs Canada, and the CDC, in consultation with DFC and national processors, have agreed to allow the importation of cream under very strict conditions.

On August 30, 2016, the government of Canada announced a new policy that will set guidelines on the importation of cream to maintain the predictability and balance of supply in the market.

Update on PIDs

NSDA is preparing to launch its publicly available online Premises Identification (PID) application system. All dairy farms have been registered and issued a unique PID for each milking location.

Dairy farm managers are reminded that they are required to update NSDA within thirty days of any changes to premises information, to ensure your farm's information is correct.

Daniel Muir is the new Traceability Coordinator. He can be reached by e-mail at Daniel.Muir@novascotia.ca or at 902-890-9840.

"Milk Producer" Now Online

The monthly DFO publication, "Milk Producer" is now available electronically. Please visit our website to view their September issue.

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Lower Truro NS B6L 1J9
Phone: (902) 893-6455
Fax: (902) 897-9768
www.dfns.ca

Quota Exchange Bid to BUY _____ (Exchange Month)

Registered Producer Name: _____

DFNS Registration Number: _____ Phone: _____

Offers above the MCP Cap of \$24,000 will not be accepted. Quantities offered may be in hundredths of a kilogram (two decimal places). Prices must be for a whole kilogram. Offers must not exceed 10% of the producer's total quota (exception for assisted new producers). Offers are limited to one buy or sell per producer per exchange.

Offer to Purchase _____ kgs of TPQ per day @ \$_____ per kg.

Email address: _____
(for confirmation of receipt of offer, if requested)

Payment for quota must be made via the selected method below **on or before the third last business day of the month**. Producers choosing option 2 must have completed a PAD agreement (available on the DFNS website or from the office) and a void cheque.

<p>1. Cheque Payment <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Producer will provide a cheque to DFNS by the payment due date. Delivery method may be by mail, XpressPost, courier, or hand delivery. It is the producer's responsibility to ensure payment arrival and accuracy.</p>	<p>2. Pre-Authorized Debit <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DFNS will withdraw required funds for quota from producer's bank account on payment due date; service fees will be processed within five business days of the exchange. Authorization provided by producer will be used.</p>
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\$17.25 Service Fee must accompany offer (\$15 + \$2.25 HST) Reg No. 107788523

In the event of a cancelled exchange, service fees are returned to the producer (or not collected in the case of PAD). Please note that offer forms cannot be held for future exchanges.

All offers must be signed by the registered quota holder. In the case of a partnership or corporate quota holder, the offer must be signed by designated signing officer(s). It is the producer's responsibility to confirm receipt of offers by DFNS. If the buyer does not pay by the payment deadline, or the buyer's payment is dishonoured, the quota purchased by the buyer will return to DFNS, the producer is liable for all costs associated with non-payment, the producer is not eligible to purchase on the exchange for a period of 12 months, and the producer may only purchase TPQ on a future exchange using a bank draft, direct deposit, or wire transfer for a period of five years.

Date Signature(s)

The information on this form is a summary of the applicable rules, which are contained in the TPQ Regulations. The DFNS Producer Manual on our website contains the current policies and procedures, or you may contact office staff for assistance.

FOR DFNS OFFICE USE ONLY	
Service Fee: <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/> PAD	Offer Received/Verified By: _____

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Quota Exchange Offer to SELL _____ (Exchange Month)

Registered Producer Name: _____

DFNS Registration Number: _____ Phone: _____

Offer to Sell _____ kgs of TPQ per day @ \$_____ per kg.

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Successful Sellers will be paid for their quota sold on the last business day before the 10th day of the month following the exchange. If the sold quota is assigned to a lender, cheques will be jointly payable to the producer and lending institution.

QUOTA CURRENTLY ASSIGNED:

_____ kgs _____ Name of Lending Institution(s)

Seller's Service Fee must accompany offer as per schedule below (HST Reg No. 107788523)

SELLERS FEE SCHEDULE	
Amount Offered	Fee Per Offer
1 kg or less	\$115 (\$100 + \$15 HST)
1.01 – 10 kg	\$230 (\$200 + \$30 HST)
More than 10 kg	\$345 (\$300 + \$45 HST)

All offers must be signed by the registered quota holder. An offer must be signed by all partners of a partnership, or the designated signing officer(s) of a partnership or corporation. It is the producer's responsibility to confirm receipt of offers by DFNS.

_____ Date

_____ Signature(s)

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Service Fee Received: cash cheque Offer Received/Verified By: _____

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TPQ Lease Agreement

100-4060 Highway 236
Lower Truro, NS B6L 1J9
Phone: (902) 893-6455
Fax: (902) 897-9768
www.dfns.ca

THIS LEASE made _____ day of _____, A.D., 20__

BETWEEN: _____ DFNS Reg. # _____ 2
hereinafter called the "LESSOR" (Lender of the quota)

- and -

_____ DFNS Reg. # _____ 2
hereinafter called the "LESSEE" (Borrower of the quota)

AGREEMENT

The Lessor and the Lessee agree that:

1. The Lessor shall lease to the Lessee _____ kilograms of daily Total Production Quota (TPQ)
2. The lease term shall commence on the first day and terminate on the last day of _____ (month).
3. The Lessee shall pay to the Lessor \$_____ per kilogram per day for milk quota leased, payable as described below:

4. This lease is not assignable.
5. This lease shall bind the heirs, executors, administrators and successors of each of the parties.

Signature of LESSOR

Date

Signature of LESSEE

Date

AUTHORIZED BY _____

on behalf of Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia this _____ day of _____, 20__.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Leases will be for a one-month duration and will expire at the end of the month, so any adjustments to provincial TPQ do not apply to leases.

Quota may be leased in denominations of tenths of a kilogram.

A producer can lease in or out up to a maximum of 25% of the sum of current owned and non-saleable TPQ holdings.

A producer cannot be both a lessor and a lessee during the same month.

Only leases applying to the current month will be accepted.

DFNS is not responsible for receipt of lease forms mailed or faxed to our office. **IT IS THE PRODUCER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM RECEIPT.**

DEADLINES

Completed lease forms must be delivered to the DFNS office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the fifth (5th) last business day of the month in which the lease will be effective.

<u>Lease Month</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
August	August 25, 2016
September	September 26, 2016
October	October 25, 2016
November	November 24, 2016





2 full days
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November
1st & 2nd, 2016

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November 1-2, 2016

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Milk Production and Pricing

Esben Arnfast, Finance and Systems Administrator

Raw milk production increased about one-percent during August to 19,784 kgs of butterfat per day. The level of production is 4.5% greater than August 2015, and matches the quota increases available to producers over that time. The raw milk composition continued to decline, as is the seasonal norm, to 3.87 kgs BF per hl. Similar to July's decrease, the average producer utilized tolerance dropped rapidly to -12 days from -10.4 days during August. This is typical during the summer months when, on average, quota exceeds production.

Also, during this time of the year with lower raw milk butterfat concentration, there are usually higher amounts of SNF production above the threshold ratio of 2.35. Zero pay SNF during August was approximately \$68,000.

This amount is collected, pooled and will determine the butterfat premium to be paid on butterfat to producers that are under the threshold ratio in September. The August butterfat bonus paid was \$0.1083 per kg.

The equalized pool transportation rate for August increased to \$2.55/hl as transportation rates paid to transporters increased resulting from the quarterly review.

The August raw milk average in-quota price dropped 61 cents per HL to \$74.27. As in the previous summer months, almost half of the provincial production of SNF was declared exported with a value of \$9 per HL. The butterfat portion attracted the regulated prices for the class of utilization declared by processors. Similar to July, an advance of close to \$1 million was available to reduce this SNF impact.

Just under 5 million litres of raw milk were delivered to NB and Quebec to fulfill Milk Movement Obligations, with some designated as surplus milk. The approximately \$3 million value of those August shipments is included in the August in-quota price paid to producers and recovered from the pool in October. No skim milk was dumped in August.

Continuous Quota Positions

As of the end of July 2016, figures are expressed as a percent of each province's annual quota. Only Ontario is above zero and all provinces moved down slightly from June. Butterfat demand continues to outstrip supply, despite three successive 1% quota issuance increases in the P5 and similar production stimulus signals out west. Skim drying capacity is only being exceeded as a provisional measure. The Federal Government has approved a bulk cream import program to supplement the TRQ butter imports to help supply further processors and those butter makers relying on cream, versus raw milk. Dry conditions across the country may impact on crop yield and quality.

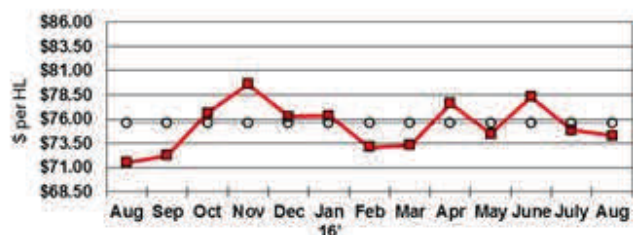
Alta. -0.60%	Sask. -1.26%	Ont. +2.11%	NS -0.10%	PEI -1.67%	P5 +0.76%
BC -0.29%	Man. -5.82%	Que. -0.21%	NB -0.63%	NL -25.69%	WMP -1.47%

Milk Marketing Report August 2016

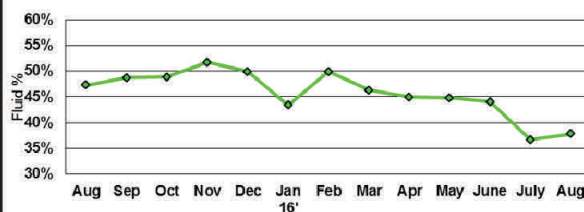
PRODUCTION	2016	2015
Average Liters/Day	511,482	489,293
Average kg Butterfat/Day	19,784	18,931
Average Composition, kg/hl		
Butterfat	3.8680	3.8691
Protein	3.2096	3.1934
Other Solids	5.7160	5.7180
Bulk Haulage (\$/hl)	2.55	2.71

PRODUCER PRICES	BF (\$ per kg)	Protein (\$ per kg)	LOS (\$ per kg)	Avg. per HL
August In-Quota	10.3743	7.9107	1.5317	74.27
August Butterfat Premium (\$/kg) SNF/BF<2.35	0.1083			
August Over-Quota	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.00
Sept Over-Quota Penalty	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.00

NS Average In-Quota Producer Price
Per HL basis



Fluid Utilization Percentage



Total Licensed Producers in August: 221



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A working lunch will be provided at 12:00 for producers attending the proAction sessions in the morning.

******Attendance at the proAction sessions is mandatory. Please make every effort to join Ashley and Nancy for these important workshops.**



Latest News...

Dairy Farmers of Canada

September 2016

PROACTION: UPCOMING CATTLE ASSESSMENTS BY HOLSTEIN CANADA BEGIN

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More About the New Animal Care Requirements

Similar to the Food Safety program, farmers need to maintain Standard Operating Procedures and records for Animal Care, as well as implement various best management practices. As mentioned above, a key requirement is that farmers must have an independent animal-based assessment conducted every two years.

The Cattle Assessment will be done on a random sample of animals in the herd and includes evaluation of:

- Body condition score;
- Injuries (hock, knee and neck);
- Lameness scoring.

For precise information on scoring, consult the *Animal Care Workbook and Manual*. A copy can be found on dairyfarmers.ca/proAction.

In the meantime, watch your mailbox for more detailed information from both your provincial dairy organization and Holstein Canada.

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Taylor releases book highlighting 'The Milk Can Age'

By Jeff Gill

COLCHESTER COUNTY

It took him the better part of a decade but Bob Taylor is now a published author.

Taylor recently released his book, 'The Milk Can Age', which details the days when raw milk was hauled in cans by truck to dairies in Truro and Halifax.

Taylor's family has a deep history in hauling milk as do many others. The book centres on the years 1930 to 1970, when hauling milk was a way of life, he said. In the 1970s, dairies started using bulk haulers which ultimately ended the milk can age.

"I'm not sure anyone knew or stopped to think about the important role these people played all those years ago," he said. "Almost every community had at least one person living there who hauled milk. It was a way of life back then."

Taylor's father, Art, hauled milk for 30 years, starting when he was 16. After passing away in his mid-40s, Taylor took control of the business in the early 1960s. He ran Taylor's Transfer until 1983 when he sold the company to Thompson's Transfer.

Taylor had never thought about writing a book until he purchased a 1947 Fargo to restore.

"My father actually drove one of those trucks," said Taylor. "Once it was restored, I had a few milk cans for displays and as I was gathering them up, it reminded me of the stories I already knew. I started thinking about the stories that were out there I didn't know about and that's what led me to writing the book."

Before trucks, the milk would be transferred to the dairies by train. Farmers would transport them by horse and wagon to various spots for pickup. Later that day, when the train would return, they would bring the milk cans back and simply throw them into the yard leaving farmers to sort through them.

Taylor says it was a welcome sight for many farmers when the milk started being hauled by truck.

"At one point in the late 1950s, there



Jeff Gill - Hub Now

Bob Taylor has spent the last 10 years collecting information and conducting interviews for his book, 'The Milk Can Age.' The book centres on the years 1930 to 1970 and touches on the history of dairies and the communities they served as well as a reflection on the way of life in those days.

were 15 trucking companies hauling into Halifax," he said. "On a double day, that would be upwards of 30 trucks going in. When the first truck started doing a trial run from Stewiacke and Shubenacadie into Halifax, the guy on that truck was actually who my father had worked for for 20 years."

To get a true account of life in those days, Taylor spent a lot of time interviewing people involved in the industry at the time and listening to their stories. He learned quickly that the book wouldn't solely be based on the haulers.

It grew to touch on the history of the dairies, communities and reflection on the

way of life in those days. His journey took him from Aylesford to Truro and everywhere in between.

"I was definitely caught up in all of the stories," said Taylor. "It's hard not to when you start talking about some of the people I knew so well and what life was like back then. These guys were running around in old trucks. They weren't comfortable, they didn't have much power and they were pounded on roads every day regardless of the weather or road conditions. Unfortunately, a lot of these old friends discussed in the book are gone now but I've talked with sons and daughters in an effort to make sure the information I have is accurate. I'm happy to be able to share some of these stories because back in those days, hauling milk was a big thing."

When the book was finally sent to be printed, Taylor says he was pleased with how it turned out. However, he says he wouldn't be totally satisfied until he received some feedback from those who read the book.

"So far, it's all been good," he said. "I have a lot of people telling me that once they start reading it, they can't put it down. That always makes you feel good. This is something that's close and personal to me and many others so it's nice to know it has been well received."

At this point, Taylor has been handling most of the book sales. Those interested in getting their hands on a copy can call 902-956-3753.

Taylor is also hoping to present a copy to the Farm Equipment Museum, located on the grounds of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition and the Colchester Historeum.

"I often wondered why my father would do what he did for 30 years," said Taylor. "He was a pretty bright guy, surely there was something else. But I understand it now. I came back to do it after getting a university education. I was happy doing it and that seems to be a common theme with all of the people I spoke with. It was a special way of life back then and I feel that's where the book takes readers."