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The BC Milk Marketing Board would like to provide a brief update on the consultations held during the Spring Producer Meetings earlier this year. The Board introduced a Western Milk Pool policy initiative that would effectively make every milk load matter with respect to milk quality. We have received feedback from many producers, and we wanted to thank everyone that participated in the consultation process, as summary of common feedback has been provided below.

#### Feedback Summary

1. Lab Availability and Testing Days
2. Timeliness of Test Results
3. Regional Challenges (i.e., Lab access)
4. Sample Handling
5. Ensure no duplication of penalties

The issues outlined will need to be resolved before the Milk Board can consider proceeding with a policy of this nature. At this time, no implementation date has been determined for BC. The Milk Board will continue to provide updates on the progress of this policy.