

July 29, 2020

## Organic Sleeve Production of 5%

The current sleeve for organic producers will come to an end on August 31, 2020 as a new sleeve period will begin on September 1, 2020. The following notice applies to all organic producers in production effective September 1, 2020.

**Organic producers will receive a temporary 5% increase to their current quota holdings for the period of September 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 subject to the below policies.**

Producers are encouraged to participate on the quota exchange and purchase available quota up to a maximum of the allocated sleeve. If quota is purchased during this six-month period, the kilograms purchased will not be deducted from the existing sleeve. No priority purchases will be permitted.

Please note the following:

- A producer’s sleeve allocation for the current production period will be determined by the producer’s previous period’s sleeve production. The most recent available data will be used to calculate the sleeve utilization (i.e. the first 5 months of a 6-month period), since the sixth production month pool data is not available until the following month.
- The most up to date [Specialty \(Organic\) Policy Guide](#) is available on our website. Please review this policy guide for complete understanding of organic sleeve calculations.
- The Board requests all organic producers who wish to participate in the production of this sleeve to commit in writing to Woody Siemens ([wsiemens@bcmilk.com](mailto:wsiemens@bcmilk.com)) no later than August 10, 2020.
- If organic producers choose to decline sleeve allocation during a specific period and/or accept the sleeve allocation and fail to produce the sleeve, the following will be the maximum allowable allocation of sleeve:

Date	Scenario	Date	Maximum Allocation
March 1	No sleeve produced	September 1	50% of available sleeve
March 1	≥ 90 % sleeve produced	September 1	100% + additional available sleeve
March 1	Partial sleeve produced (< 90% sleeve produced)	September 1	50% + sleeve utilization percentage over 50%

Please note: Any unexpected sleeve increase during a six-month period will not be included in this calculation.

The Board will continue to review organic market requirements and will provide direction to the industry as needed.

If your farm makes an adjustment which changes the volume for milk pickups, please contact the BCMMB transport department prior to any changes. A change in your farms volumes can directly affect processor deliveries and can result in shortages for processor organic milk orders for that week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Woody Siemens at 604-854-4476 or [wsiemens@bcmilk.com](mailto:wsiemens@bcmilk.com)