

February 3, 2023

## Organic Sleeve Production of 5%

The current sleeve for organic producers will come to an end on February 28, 2023, as a new sleeve period will begin on March 1, 2023. The following notice applies to all organic producers in production effective March 1, 2023.

**Organic producers will receive a temporary 5% increase to their current quota holdings for the period of March 1, 2023, to August 31, 2023, 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 calculation to determine the upcoming sleeve will therefore use sleeve production data between the timeframe of September 1, 2022, to January 31, 2023.
- 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 Intishar Jashim ([ijashim@bcmilk.com](mailto:ijashim@bcmilk.com)) no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 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
September 1	No sleeve produced	March 1	50% of available sleeve
September 1	≥ 90 % sleeve produced	March 1	100% + additional available sleeve
September 1	Partial sleeve produced (< 90% sleeve produced)	March 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. Messaging for changes will be provided as soon as possible, the current market for specialty milk is volatile due to economic factors that are impacting all markets.**

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.