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February 2024 – Quota Increase

BC Milk Marketing Board, along with the Western Milk Pool (WMP), is announcing the following quota increases effective February 1, 2024:

- Manitoba: +1.50%
- Saskatchewan: +2.00%
- Alberta: +2.25%
- British Columbia: +3.00%

The WMP is issuing these increases to daily quota to meet an increase in processor demand in the second quarter in 2024. At the same time, the decision was made to narrow the gap in the quota issuance levels between the four provinces. The chart below details the issuance levels before and after the daily quota adjustment:

	MB	SK	AB	BC
Quota Issued (Per Day)	47,317	33,677	96,375	96,436
CDC Total Quota (Per Day)	47,413	33,970	97,484	98,118
Quota Issuance %	99.80%	99.14%	98.86%	98.29%
Quota Adjustment	1.50%	2.00%	2.25%	3.00%
Producer Quota After Adjustment	48,027	34,351	98,543	99,329
Quota Issuance %	101.29%	101.12%	101.09%	101.23%

The WMP goal is to equalize quota issuance across all four provinces.

Quota was last adjusted in the WMP in December 2020; at that time, it was equalized across provinces. However, because of differing provincial regulations and policies, the quota issuance levels have become unbalanced over the past three years and require an adjustment to ensure that each WMP province is issued to the same Quota Issuance %. It was decided that now was the time to rebase these quota issuance levels to bring all four provinces to a more level playing field.

An example of differing provincial regulations is in B.C. where producers have an assessment applied against the sale of quota that has not been held by the producer for 10 years. The assessed quota remains unallocated until a general allotment of quota is issued to all producers.

The WMP will continue to monitor the production and processing situation on a weekly basis and will provide updates to dairy farmers should further adjustments to milk production be needed. Any further adjustments will be made with the same goal of equalized issuance across all provinces in mind.

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