

January 15, 2026



# MILK MATTERS

*The official newsletter for New Brunswick milk producers.*



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## Hockey Provincial Championships

This March, Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick will be the presenting sponsor of both the Female and Minor Hockey Provincial Tournaments. Each year, these tournaments are hosted by selected community rinks and hockey associations, with more than thirty tournaments taking place across the province.

DFNB will be looking for dairy producers to attend the final games and present the winning teams with their championship banners. Once the locations of all tournaments are finalized, an email will be sent to producers. If you see a tournament on the list in your area, please consider reaching out to DFNB Promotions to learn how you can get involved. This is one more way dairy farmers demonstrate their strong commitment to supporting communities across New Brunswick.



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#### BLEND PRICE DECEMBER 2025

\$103.03/hl or  
\$22.13/kg of BF

BF: 4.6547 kg/hl,  
PRO: 3.4429 kg/hl  
LOS: 5.8836 kg/hl

#### CREDIT EXCHANGE DEADLINE

January 19, 2026  
4:00 PM

Please submit credit  
bids/offers on  
DFNB Portal at  
[www.nbmilk.org](http://www.nbmilk.org)

#### QUOTA EXCHANGE DEADLINE

February 2, 2026  
4:00 PM

Please send bids to  
[quota@nbmilk.org](mailto:quota@nbmilk.org)

### DFNB OFFICE 506-432-4330

Steve Michaud <i>General Manager</i>	Ext. 22
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Veronica McEwen <i>Transportation</i>	Ext. 24
Luke Chase <i>Producer Services</i>	Ext. 25
Delaney Lewis <i>Office Clerk</i>	Ext. 26
Katie Bleakney <i>Promotion Coordinator</i>	Ext. 27
Natasha McKillop <i>proAction</i>	Ext. 28

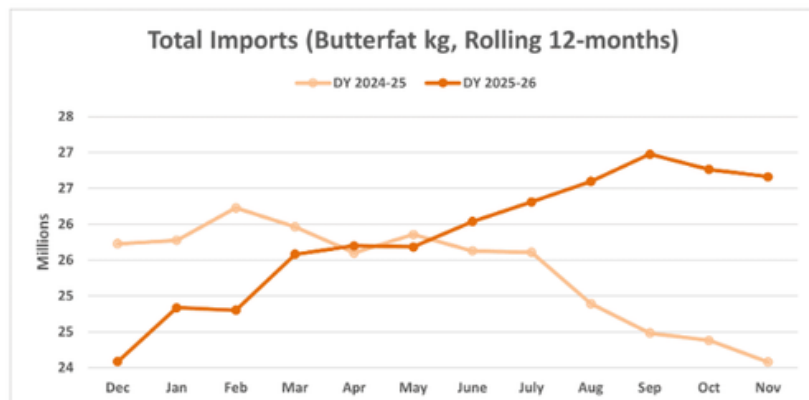
## Market Update

The CDC publishes a monthly market update on the public facing side of their website. These reports are available at the following link:

<https://www.cdc-ccl.ca/en/2025-market-updates>

#### Overview of November 2025:

- Total Requirements forecast shows an average growth of 1.7% for September 2025-August 2026.
- Total Requirements for the 12 months ending November 2025 were 4.17% higher than those of the previous 12 months and saw a 7% increase since October 2025.
- Compared to October 2025, apparent consumption decreased for all dairy products except cheese and Butter which both saw significant increases of 5.8% and 18.4% respectively. For the 12 months ending November 2025 yogurt, cheese and butter all saw significant increases while the other categories all saw decreases.
- Total Quota increased from October 2025 by 6.0% and had an increase of 3.8% for the 12 months ending November 2025.
- P10 production increased by 0.96% in November compared to October 2025 but saw an increase of 3.71% for the 12 months ending in November 2025.
- Butter stocks decreased from October 2025 by 2,221 tonnes to 35,216 tonnes. Butter stocks are expected to be around 39,000 tonnes in August 2026.



### DFNB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wietze Dykstra <i>Chair</i>	506-325-8192
Gilbert Matheson <i>Vice Chair</i>	506-434-2357
Becky Perry <i>2nd Vice Chair</i>	506-435-0651
Denis Cyr <i>North West</i>	506-426-0788
George Wesselius <i>Moncton</i>	506-227-0463
John Schuttenbeld <i>Fredericton</i>	506-461-9254
John Best <i>Woodstock</i>	506-425-0765
Mike Bouma <i>North East</i>	506-547-5843
Paul Gaunce <i>At-Large</i>	506-650-9595

### DFNB MISSION

To represent the interests of New Brunswick dairy farmers in their pursuit of operating sustainable dairy farms that produce high quality milk within a supply management system.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

DFNB Board Meeting  
January 27-28, 2026



January 15, 2026

## New Entrant Applications

Interested individuals must submit their 5 year business plan and their non-refundable \$100 application fee to Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick no later than January 20, 2026. The Business Plan must include the following: Pro-forma income statements, cash flow statements and balance sheets for two years; sufficient detail on the ownership structure and governance of the business; a description of the proposed dairy enterprise; the education achieved by the applicant(s); and the applicant's agricultural experience. Applicants are also required to provide a signed letter from all their lenders indicating they have seen and reviewed the business plan and agree to provide financing that is stipulated in the plan.

## DDPP Update

The letters for the Dairy Direct Payment Program (DDPP) for 2025-2026 were mailed on November 12, 2025. You can register with the codes provided in your letter. Your completed registration must be signed and received no later than March 31, 2026, to receive payment for the year 2025-2026.

## Promotion Holiday

In December 2025, producers will see no promotion levy deducted from their milk payments. This one-time levy holiday is in effect for December 2025 production and will be seen on January's payment.



### SAMPLE TESTING CONTACTS

Contacts found on last page.

### BUY & SELL

**For sale** via Ongoing transfer of producer license and quota requiring relocation to a new farm site. Current daily quota holdings are 126.93 Kgs

**Contact:**

Lee Bell  
Redbridge Holsteins Ltd.  
506-328-5732  
[lbell6432@gmail.com](mailto:lbell6432@gmail.com)

*Please send for sale and wanted items to [nbmilk@nbmilk.org](mailto:nbmilk@nbmilk.org)*

**Cultivating Connections:  
Stories of Farmers Protecting Nature**

Join us for a film screening of "Homes on the Range" and "Guardians of the Grasslands" to celebrate the crucial role farmers play in protecting nature

**22 January 2026  
6 - 8 pm**

Register here

Hampton High School Auditorium  
34 Elizabeth Ave, Hampton, NB

Movie screening!

Free snacks and entry!

Learn how to **access support** to kick-start **sustainable, nature-friendly practices** on your farm

This project was undertaken with the financial support of  
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Canada Water Agency  
Agence de l'eau du Canada

NatureNB  
naturenb.ca

LIVING LAB  
NEW BRUNSWICK

Canadian Cattle Association

2025-2026  
Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick

## Updated Committees

The updated committees and DFNB Board representatives for 2026 have been finalized. See the listing below. These committees play an important role in supporting the work of Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick and ensuring farmer voices from across the province are represented.

## P5 Message

### – Quota Increase and Changes in Solids-Non-Fat (SNF) Payment Policy

To maintain the current P5 production of butterfat for 2026, the P5 Boards have approved a 1% saleable quota increase on December 1, 2025.

In addition, the P5 Boards have approved to change the SNF/BF payment policy tier 2 protein to be paid at the monthly 4a price plus \$3.00 per kg, effective January 1, 2026.

A shift in consumer preference to dairy products high in protein (ex. yogurt) since the beginning of 2025, has increased the demand for protein from the market at a faster rate than usual. This shift in demand occurred as there continues to be a decrease of the farm production ratio, which has resulted in shifts in the protein available to serve all markets, and a better return for surplus SNF. As part of the continuous assessment of the payment policy parameters, the conclusion was reached that to meet the recent market demand for increased protein, additional income will be paid on protein in tier 2. The additional \$3.00/kg of protein in tier 2 will increase the value of protein produced up to the no-pay ratio of 2.20 and result in a slight decrease in tier 1 protein price. Further information will be provided on the impact for producers.

The faster than anticipated decrease of the farm production ratio generating less surplus, the growth in profitable markets that utilize SNF and a better global revenue for the decreasing SNF surplus, lead the P5 Boards to implement the above policy change.

The objectives of the component payment policy remain to better reflect market revenue and the components that best contribute to yield, to limit the growth of surplus SNF and to maintain the quality of dairy components, while aiming to ensure a greater equity between producers.

The P5 Quota Committee will continue to evaluate the payment policy and update its parameters as necessary, to ensure objectives continue to be met.

COMMITTEE	REPRESENTATIVES
DFC Board	Gilbert
DFC Delegates	Wietze, Gilbert
proAction National	John S
P10 Pricing Steering	Gilbert
P5 Chairs, P5 SB, CMSMC	Wietze, Gilbert, Becky
P10 Pooling	Wietze
Market Committee	Atlantic Voting Rep: Wietze
P5 Quota	Becky, Mike (Observer)
P5 Quality	John B
Maritime Executive Committee	Wietze, Gilbert, Becky
DFNB Board Governance	Gilbert (Chair), George, John B
NB Dairy Industry Council	Wietze, George, Paul, Mike
Audit Committee	George (Chair), Denis, Mike
New Entrant Selection	Mike, Paul, Frances Freeze, Jerry Bos
Scholarships	Denis, Paul
NB Promotion	John B (Chair), John S, Becky
Milk 2020	Wietze, George, Mike
NB Cattle Agency	John S
NB Ag Alliance Advisory	Mike
NB Emergency Measures	John S

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## Dairy Leadership Program

Dairy farmers are asked to submit their names if they are interested in participating in DFNB's dairy leadership mentorship program. Those interested are asked to submit their names and a short biography to Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick's office via email ([stevem@nbmilk.org](mailto:stevem@nbmilk.org)) on or before January 31st 2026. The leadership program will begin in March of 2026 and run until March of 2027. During that time the selected individuals will be given the opportunity to attend a number of the DFNB board meetings along with several national meetings, including the February 2027 DFC policy conference and the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee. The selected individuals will have their travel, room and meal expenses covered to attend the meetings.

The end of 2025 marked the announcement of Holstein Canada's new CEO, Greg Dietrich. With a lifetime of involvement in the dairy genetics and agricultural sector, Greg brings extensive leadership experience, industry knowledge, and a strong commitment to producers across Canada. We look forward to the vision and leadership he will bring to Holstein Canada in 2026.

There is currently an election underway in the **Atlantic Canada Electoral District for National Director**. Members located within this district will have received an electronic ballot, or a mailed ballot if they do not have email access or an email address listed on their account. Voting will take place from **January 8 to February 8**, as required by the Bylaws.

Join us to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the **2025 Master Breeder**. The event will be hosted virtually and streamed live on Facebook and YouTube on **Saturday, January 17, 2026, beginning at 8:00 p.m. EST.**

Applications for Branch Sponsorship for the 2026 National Young Leader Program are now open. Applications will close on **January 16, 2026.**

If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary program and have a strong passion for the dairy industry, apply for the chance to receive \$1,000. **The application deadline is January 23, 2026.**

**Join us on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. EST** for the first-ever All-Canadian live broadcast reveal!.

Have a question or idea you want to share? Reach out to Karen Versloot – National Director for Holstein Canada in Atlantic [kversloot@holstein.ca](mailto:kversloot@holstein.ca).



Karen Versloot  
National Director for  
Holstein Canada in Atlantic  
[kversloot@holstein.ca](mailto:kversloot@holstein.ca)



## The Social Media Scoop

### 🎬 CASTING CALL 🎬

We're looking for social-savvy dairy farmers who want to help create fun, engaging video content for the DFNB social channels this winter!

If you love storytelling, filming, editing -or all of the above - we'd love to hear from you.

📌 Interested?

Text 902-877-9355 or email  
[michelle.kempton@dfc-plc.ca](mailto:michelle.kempton@dfc-plc.ca)



*To stay in the loop, be sure to follow, comment on, and share DFNB's posts.*







## KEY DECISIONS

- Approved amended minutes of Dec 1–2, 2025 and Dec 4, 2025.
- Reviewed proposed actions on resolution and decided not to make any changes to credit exchange timeline.
- Approved signing a two-year contract with Delta Fredericton for DFNB AGM.
- Approved distributing NB's portion of \$750,000 CDC refund through DFNB blend once nationally approved.
- Assigned directors to the various committees that DFNB have representation on.

## DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed AGM minutes and resolutions along with the proposed actions on these resolutions.
- Quota Policy Review: Reviewed feedback from the AGM roundtable discussions and entered a discussion on setting principles and objectives as a first step.
- Producer Letter: Reviewed concern about construction transfer clause and confirmed compliance with policy.
- P5 Quota Policy Review Process Board Survey: Board completed survey responses for P5 Quota committee.

**DATE: JANUARY 7, 2026**

## ATTENDANCE

Directors: Wietze Dykstra, Gilbert Matheson, Becky Perry, Denis Cyr, George Wesselius, John Schuttenbeld, Paul Gaunce, Mike Bouma, Robert Speer (NBFCP representative)  
Staff: Steve Michaud, Ashley Baskin (Recording Secretary), Sharon Beasley (CFO Center)  
Regrets: John Best

## REPORTS

### **Managers' and Operations**

**Reports:** Presented by Steve Michaud

**AGM Minutes:** Reviewed and amended for circulation.

**Financials:** Presented by Sharon Beasley

### **proAction & Sustainability**

Changes coming October 2026; info to be circulated in January

**DFC Update:** New CEO appointed—Annie AcMoody.

**CMSMC e-votes:** Reviewed e-vote approvals for CDC COP budget and refund distribution.



## NATURAL PRODUCTS ACT REGULATIONS

***Plans for construction, extension, alteration, installation or replacement***

50(1) Plans for the construction, extension or alteration of a dairy farm, including a dairy barn, milking parlour or milk house, shall be submitted to the Commission or an inspector for approval before the work is undertaken.

50(2) Plans for the installation or replacement of a farm bulk tank shall be submitted to the Commission or an inspector for approval before the work is undertaken.

<http://laws.gnb.ca/en/ShowTdm/cr/2010-19//>

## QUALITY MILK

Additional testing is available from RPC.

Please contact RPC directly by email  
dairy.rpc@rpc.ca  
Or 506-452-1212

Bulk milk graders are trained and licensed to grade milk. They only reject milk according to regulations. Once rejected a producer is required to dispose of that milk and correct the problem that contributed to the rejection and clean their tank before adding their next milking.

Producers are welcome to reach out to the public safety inspectors for assistance in determining the causes for the rejections.

## MILK PENALTY FUNDING

Pro-active funding: Producers advised of second or subsequent milk quality infraction, prior to a penalty assessed, is allowed to offset, once per year, cost of a visit from milk quality technician to a maximum of \$1000. Producers may apply for funding by forwarding paid invoices to DFNB office.

## Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick

## Milk Matters: Production and Payment Summary Report for December 2025

## Quota Exchange for January, 2026

Price in Dollars	# of Sellers	Kgs Offered By Sellers	Total Cum. kgs	Difference Between Sellers/Buyers	Total Cum. kgs	Kgs Wanted By Buyers	# of Buyers
\$24,000.00		2.9	2.9	747.0	749.9	749.9	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.9</b>				<b>749.9</b>	<b>55</b>

QESP = Quota Exchange Selling Price

2.9 of 749.9 kgs wanted at or above the Quota Exchange Selling Price of \$24,000.00 were purchased.

There was a total of 2.9 kgs offered for sale and total bids to purchase of 749.9 kgs.

QESP = Le prix de vente de quota

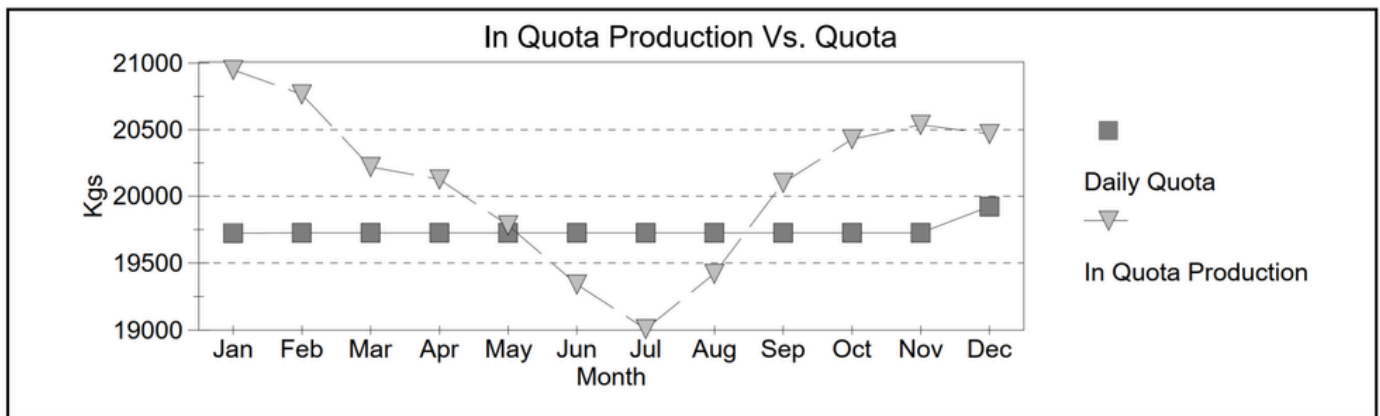
2.9 des 749.9 kilos demandé au prix de vente de \$24,000.00 ou au dessus ont été acheté.

Il y avait un total de 2.9 kgs proposés à la vente et le total des offres pour l'achat de 749.9kg.

Next Exchange closes at 4:00 p.m., Monday February 2, 2026

Results are available Thursday February 5, 2026

Month	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug	6 month avg.
Clearing Price	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000
Kgs on Exchange	2.9	15.0	.0	.0	.0	28.7	15.5
Kgs by Transfer	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0



## QUOTA CORNER

**Quota Exchange Procedures**

Bids/Offeres must be submitted on forms provided prior to 4:00 p.m. on 1st working day of month. All bids must be accompanied by confirmation of funds from your lending institution if bid is greater than prior month's "Due Producer". Producers will not be allowed to combine their "Due Producer" amount with their confirmation of funds from a financial institution to bid for quota equal to the combined amounts. Bids or offers above \$24,000 will not be accepted. Producers selling all of their quota on an exchange will be subject to a security deposit of \$1000/kg that will be returned 30 days after effective date of the transfer.

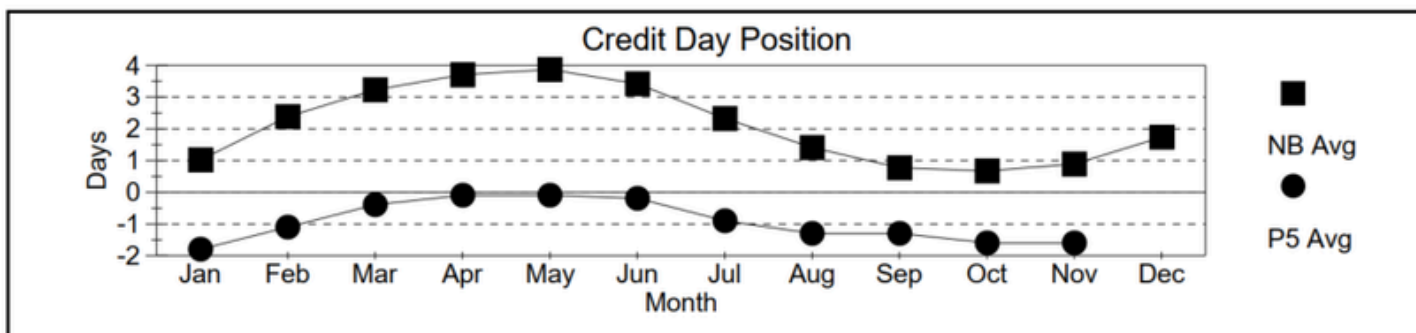
**Minimum Quota Holdings Policy**

The Board will cease picking milk up when the farm's total daily quota falls below ten (10) kilograms.

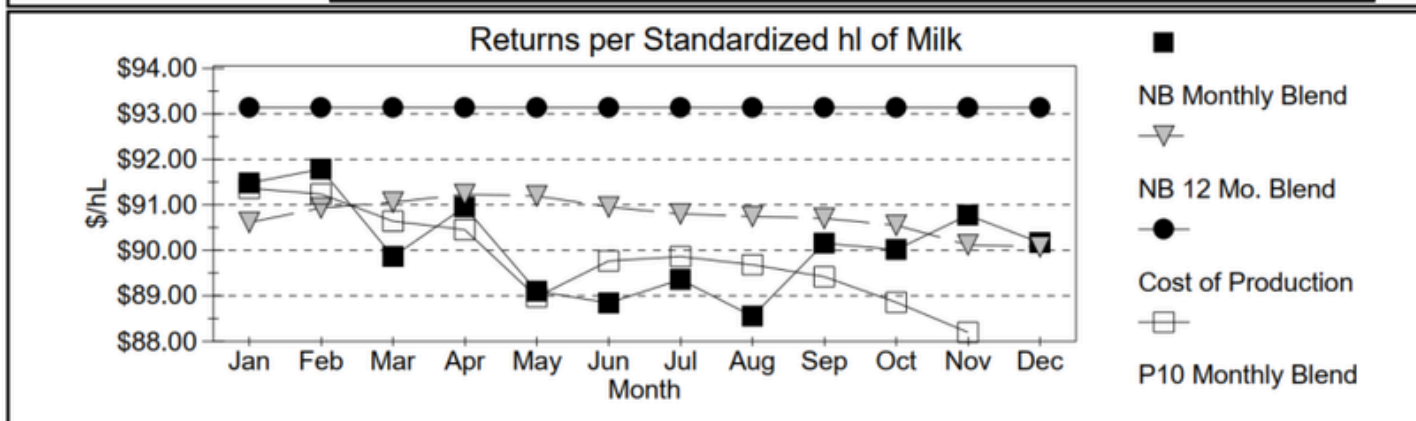
**An over quota penalty of \$20/hl is in effect.****Daily Quota Transfer Order**

Section 3 b) j); Producers must pay the Board the QESP for the Daily Quota so purchased on or before noon of the 20th day of the month or noon of the first working day thereafter if the 20th falls on a holiday or weekend. Payment received after that is subject to a 2% penalty applied on the value of the purchased Daily Quota and deducted from the producer's statement. The producer will also be prohibited from purchasing on the following month's exchange. If payment is not received by the last working day of month, that purchased quota will be revoked and be offered for sale on the next month's exchange. Any losses incurred from the resale of the revoked Daily Quota will be charged back to the producer along with an additional 2% penalty.

## Credits



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Incentive Days Issued	0.13	0.14	0.18	0.53	0.81	0.79	1.79	2.72	3.67	3.59	2.59	0.66
Incentive Days Used	0.13	0.14	0.17	0.50	0.60	0.54	0.87	1.41	2.05	1.96	1.69	0.64
Days Over Quota	0.44	0.34	0.22	0.15	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.08
Days Lost	-0.19	-0.08	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.11	-0.26	-0.19	-0.10	-0.08	-0.10	-0.11
Days Exchanged	1.25	1.14	1.08	0.90	1.23	0.94	0.70	0.80	0.80	0.97	1.03	1.11
Credit Exch Clearing Price	\$12.53	\$17.01	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$15.15	\$10.00	\$4.50	\$4.01	\$6.03	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$14.00



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
SNF Market Ratio \$/kg	\$2.42	\$2.30	\$2.05	\$1.90	\$1.91	\$2.00	\$2.06	\$2.98	\$2.98	\$2.66	\$2.66	\$2.59

A standardized hl of milk contains 3.60 kg/hl BF, 3.23 kg/hl PT and 5.69 kg/hl LOS

## CREDIT CORNER

### Credit Exchange Procedures

Bids/Offers must be submitted on forms provided prior to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd working day after the 15th of the month. Results are available on the morning of 4th working day after the 15th. Producers exiting industry may purchase/sell credits one month following effective date of sale. If you do not receive your statement in time to review your credit position, please call the office and we will fax /email your statement to you.

### December 2025 Credit Exchange \$14.00/kg

22,165 of the 25,537 kgs offered at or below the CESP were purchased.

Effective May 1, 2025 the 0-day limit was removed which allowed producers to buy or sell regardless of their credit positions.

At a later date, producers with quality penalties will also have the percentage of credits that they can buy reduced for a number of months. DFNB will notify producers 2 months prior to this policy taking effect.



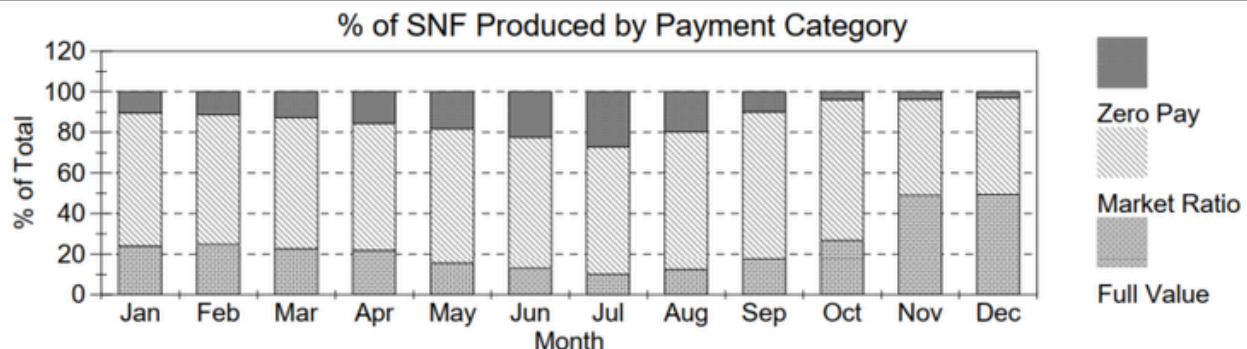
NB Domestic Milk Pool									
Over Quota	BF Kg	BF \$/kg	BF \$	PT Kg	PT \$/kg	PT \$	OS Kg	OS \$/kg	OS \$
December 2025	1,565	-\$2.7327	(\$4,275)	1,121	-\$1.9107	(\$2,142)	1,966	-\$0.3917	(\$770)
12 Months	28,507	-\$2.7327	(\$77,901)	21,290	-\$1.9107	(\$40,678)	37,665	-\$0.3917	(\$14,753)
<b>SNF &gt; 2.20</b>									
December 2025				291	\$0.0000	\$0	516	\$0.0000	\$0
12 Months				21,325	\$0.0000	\$0	39,247	\$0.0000	\$0
<b>SNF 2.00&lt;=2.20</b>									
December 2025				8,274	\$2.5900	\$21,430	14,535	\$0.9000	\$13,081
12 Months				222,675	\$2.3369	\$520,362	400,389	\$0.7233	\$289,611
<b>Domestic Market</b>									
December 2025	632,805	\$13.5243	\$8,558,250	459,532	\$10.2456	\$4,708,184	784,844	\$0.9000	\$706,360
12 Months	7,303,619	\$13.6670	\$99,818,364	5,257,402	\$10.7409	\$56,468,998	9,226,903	\$0.9000	\$8,304,213

## Production & Payment

Revenue	\$/HL	BF \$	PT \$	OS \$				Total Paid \$
December 2025	\$103.03	\$8,553,975	\$4,727,472	\$718,671				\$14,000,118
12 Months	\$100.60	\$99,740,463	\$56,948,682	\$8,579,070				\$165,268,215
Deductions	Transport	Promotion	Admin	Lab Fee	Research Levy	Total Ded Per HL		Total Deductions
	Per HL	Per Kg of Total Solids						
December 2025	\$3.74	\$0.0000	\$0.0786	\$0.0080	\$0.0016	\$4.97		\$677,772
12 Months	\$3.77	\$0.0929	\$0.0786	\$0.0083	\$0.0016	\$6.22		\$10,306,808
Quality	Somatic Cell Count	Standard Plate Count	Lab Past. Count	IBC				Rejected Loads
December 2025	163,178	0	0	30				0
12 Months	173,422	0	0	44				0
Production & Component Tests	Production Volume	Butter Fat	Protein	Lactose & O.S.	Total Solids	SNF Ratio		
December 2025	13,628,639	4.6547	3.4429	5.8836	13.9812	2.0037		
12 Months	165,044,366	4.4425	3.3462	5.8798	13.6685	2.0767		

## SNF Policy

Current SNF Ratio Values	Full Value: < 2.00	Market Ratio: 2.00<=2.20	Zero Pay: > 2.20
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## SNF/BF: Avg Ratios

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Full Value	1.93	1.92	1.93	1.93	1.94	1.95	1.95	1.93	1.92	1.92	1.93	1.93
Market Ratio	2.09	2.08	2.09	2.10	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.11	2.10	2.08	2.07	2.06
Zero Pay	2.27	2.26	2.26	2.27	2.26	2.26	2.28	2.26	2.25	2.24	2.26	2.24
Provincial	2.07	2.06	2.08	2.09	2.10	2.12	2.14	2.12	2.08	2.05	2.01	2.00

## Maritime Quality Milk

Maritime Quality Milk (MQM) is a research and service program at the Atlantic Veterinary College, located at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown.  
[www.milkquality.ca](http://www.milkquality.ca)

## Milk 2020

MILK 2020's mission is to develop and enhance knowledge and innovation, through its leadership and its actions, with a view to encouraging the sustainable growth of New Brunswick's dairy industry.  
[www.milk2020.ca](http://www.milk2020.ca)

## Co-operators Group Insurance

Group rates as of Dec 1, 2024  
Monthly single coverage: \$140.94  
Monthly family coverage: \$369.74  
Claims, rates, enrolment:  
Emily Murphy 506.850.1643  
[emily.murphy@gotoinsure.ca](mailto:emily.murphy@gotoinsure.ca)  
David Scott 506.458.1220  
1.800.994.5155

## NB Research & Productivity Council

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), a research and technology organization (RTO) offering contract R&D and technical services at our locations in Fredericton and Moncton, New Brunswick.  
**506.452.1212**

## NB Environmental Farm Plan

Contact Likhita Potluri  
by phone at:  
**506.452.8101**  
**506.259.0020**  
or by email at:  
[efp-pfe@fermeNBfarm.ca](mailto:efp-pfe@fermeNBfarm.ca)

## Composition & Microbiology Testing

Composition testing  
contact Jill Hay at:  
[jill.hay@rpc.ca](mailto:jill.hay@rpc.ca)  
Microbiology testing  
contact Corrie Maston at:  
[corrie.maston@rpc.ca](mailto:corrie.maston@rpc.ca)

## Hoof Trimming

Contact E. Duivenvoorden  
Phone:  
**506.433.1864**  
or  
Peter Jones  
Phone:  
**506.866.0531**

## Crop Specialist

Contact Jason Wells  
Phone:  
**506.434.2543**  
Email:  
[Jason.Wells@gnb.ca](mailto:Jason.Wells@gnb.ca)

## Agropur

Cooperative Advisor  
Jeanette Van der Linden  
**1-800-574-5585 Ext. 3224**  
[Jeanette.Van-Der-Linden@agropur.com](mailto:Jeanette.Van-Der-Linden@agropur.com)

## Sample Testing

Dairytown  
inhibitor testing  
Kris Byers  
**506-424-0769**  
RPC for further testing  
**506-452-1212**

## Dairy Specialist

Contact  
David Dykstra  
Cell phone:  
**506.434.5755**  
Email:  
[David.Dykstra@gnb.ca](mailto:David.Dykstra@gnb.ca)

## Links

**GNB Livestock Sector Development**  
[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/contacts/dept\\_renderer.137.203310.4073.html#employees](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/contacts/dept_renderer.137.203310.4073.html#employees)

**Bob Calve Prices**  
<https://www.fpbq.upa.qc.ca/infoprix/BovinReforme/BRInfoPrixHebdo.asp?Langue=A>

**Research Council: Free webinars**  
<https://www.beefresearch.ca/resources/webinars.cfm>

**Canadian Dairy Commission**  
<https://www.cdc-ccl.gc.ca/>

**Dairy Farmers of Canada News Centre**  
<https://www.dairyfarmers.ca/news-centre/document-library>

**AgriStartNB**  
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/10/pdf/Agriculture/FarmingInNewBrunswick-RoadMapForNewEntrants.pdf>

## BULK MILK TANKS

All bulk milk tanks needing calibrated will be coordinated by DFNB staff using the calibration services of both Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) . If you are planning to install a new tank or have installed one recently, please call 432-4330 so your farm can be added to the schedule. Before replacing your bulk milk tank remember: New tanks of 1000 US gallons (3780 liters) must have a minimum outlet of 3 inches with a butterfly valve; New tanks less than 1000 must have a minimum tank outlet of 2 inches with a butterfly valve; Used tanks of any size must have a minimum tank outlet of 2 inches with a butterfly valve.

## TRANSPORTATION

If you have concerns about your scheduled pickups, you can contact:

### Kingsco Transportation:

Dispatcher –  
Bliss Price 506-435-1584  
Hauler Supervisor –  
Conrad Hachey 506-435-2293  
General Manager –  
Kris Aiton 506-434-3006

### DFNB Transportation:

Coordinator -  
Veronica McEwen (506) 432-0092

For any milk transportation questions or issues please call  
DFNB at  
(506) 432-4330 ext 24





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## Animal Care Module Update

**\*\*Active April 1, 2027\*\***

The proAction Committee has released 2 updated and 3 new questions that will be included as part of the Code of Practice update to the proAction Program. These are being released now in an effort to allow for time to adapt your facilities and on-farm practices. Please contact your coordinator for more information.

### AC 1 (Demerits)

#### Unweaned Heifer Housing

Do you ensure that ANY housing for unweaned calves:

- a) Is maintained in good condition to minimize injury and lameness?
- b) Allows calves to easily stand up, lie down, turn completely around, stand fully upright (without touching the top of the enclosure), adopt sternal and lateral resting postures and groom themselves?
- c) Provides a resting surface with enough bedding to achieve insulation, dryness, comfort, traction, and cleanliness?
- d) Permits calves to have visual contact with other cattle?
- e) **Provides fresh air and prevents the buildup of harmful gases, dust and moisture, and reduces the risk of heat and cold stress?**
- f) **If group housing, provides a bedded area large enough to allow all calves to rest comfortably at the same time? Do you ensure that INDOOR\* housing for unweaned calves:**
- g) **Does not include tethering?**
- h) **Do you have a plan for transitioning to pair/group housing by 2031? Do you ensure that OUTDOOR\* housing for unweaned calves:**
- i) **Allows physical contact with other calves?**
- j) **If tethered, allows calves to have access to an area out of the hutch and must include a collar?**

\*Indoor housing is defined as housing that involves a roofed structure with four closeable sides. Calf hutches located under a roofed structure with four closeable sides would be considered indoor housing and must abide by the indoor unweaned calf housing requirements.

\*Outdoor housing is defined as housing that does not involve a roofed structure with four closeable sides. Calf hutches located under a roofed structure with less than four closeable sides would be considered outdoor housing and must abide by the related outdoor unweaned calf housing requirements.

### AC4 (Demerits)

#### Dry and Lactating Stocking Density (Demerits)

Do you ensure that dry and lactating cow housing provides adequate stocking densities?

- Free-stall: does not exceed routinely 1.1 cows per usable stall.
- Bedded-pack pens: provide **9.3m<sup>2</sup> (100 ft<sup>2</sup>) per cow**.
- Hospital area to house lactating and dry cows must be **9.3m<sup>2</sup> (100ft<sup>2</sup>)** of bedded resting area per cow.
- **The scrape alley is no longer included in the square footage calculation.**

\*Smaller breeds (e.g. Jerseys) require at least 80% of the space (7.4 m<sup>2</sup> (80 ft<sup>2</sup>) that a Holstein cow requires.

### AC22 (Major/Minor)

#### Stanchions – NEW

Do you house any cattle in stanchions?

- Stanchion housing is not permitted.
- Presence of stanchion housing is a Major non-conformance.

### AC 23 (Major/Minor)

#### Newly Built Barns – NEW

Do newly built barns allow for:

- a) Lactating and/or dry cows to have daily, untethered freedom of movement and social interactions year-round?
- b) Cows to calve in an area that allows them to turn around?

- As of April 1, 2024, a newly built barn is defined as a new, separate building or a rebuild of any pre-existing dry and/or lactating housing facility.
- A newly built barn does not include a renovation within pre-existing housing.
- Lactating and/or dry cows must have a minimum of 1hr/day of untethered freedom of movement that allows for social interactions with other cattle, if it is safe to do so.
- Cows must not be tethered at calving and must be able to turn around.

### AC24 (Demerits)

#### Freedom of Movement - NEW

Do you provide opportunity for freedom of movement for cows during the production cycle (calving to calving)?

- In a tie-stall barn where construction of the facility began prior to April 1, 2024, cows must be provided opportunity for movement for a minimum of 55 days in a production cycle, consecutive or not.
- Exercise periods per day must be a minimum of 1 hour.

\*It is up to the farmer's discretion to decide when is the best time during the production cycle to offer freedom of movement. Options to offer freedom of movement include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- Housing lactating cows in loose housing or at pasture
- Housing dry cows in loose housing or at pasture
- Providing regular access to exercise yards and/or pasture for lactating and dry cows year round, weather and conditions permitting

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