

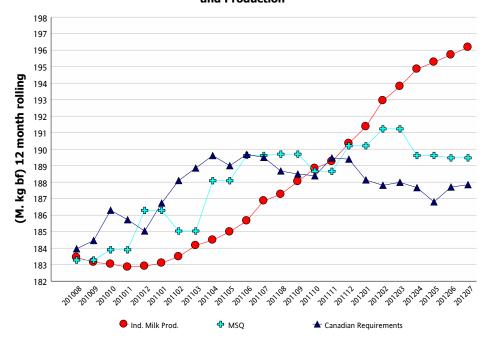
Market Comment

Canadian requirements for the twelve month period ending in July 2012 were 187.86 million kg of butterfat, up slightly by 0.12% in comparison to Canadian requirements in June 2012.

Several factors boosted Canadian requirements in July. The use of butterfat in cheese-making increased significantly in comparison to the same month last year. The special class market also experienced significant growth and the heat wave stimulated the ice cream market. The same heat wave however, diminished Canadian requirements overall, since households used less butter when cooking. In July, butter consumption decreased by an equivalent of roughly half a million kg of butterfat in comparison to last year.

In July 2012, total milk deliveries increased by 0.8 % compared to the same month last year. Deliveries of fluid milk decreased by 2.7% while deliveries of industrial milk increased by 2.8%.

Industrial Milk Demand, Market Sharing Quota (MSQ) and Production



| | Total Production (kg bf) | | | Fluid Production (kg bf) | | Industrial Production (kg bf) | | | |
|--------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2010/8 to 2011/7 | 2011/8 to 2012/7 | % Change | 2010/8 to 2011/7 | 2011/8 to 2012/7 | % Change | 2010/8 to 2011/7 | 2011/8 to 2012/7 | % Change |
| NL | 1,901,341 | 1,879,648 | -1.14% | 1,521,463 | 1,477,997 | -2.86% | 379,878 | 401,651 | 5.73% |
| P5 | 232,736,243 | 237,330,328 | 1.97% | 80,806,441 | 80,152,356 | -0.81% | 151,929,802 | 157,177,972 | 3.45% |
| WMP | 71,030,769 | 74,912,942 | 5.47% | 36,469,691 | 36,315,978 | -0.42% | 34,561,078 | 38,596,964 | 11.68% |
| Canada | 305,668,353 | 314,122,918 | 2.77% | 118,797,595 | 117,946,331 | -0.72% | 186,870,758 | 196,176,587 | 4.98% |

| Milk Utilization ('000 kg) | | | | | | Continuous Quota | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|---|---|--|
| Butterfat | | | | Solids Non Fat | | | Cumulative Over/Under Production (with limits) as | | |
| Milk Class | 2010/8 to 2011/7 | 2011/8 to 2012/7 | % Change | 2010/8 to 2011/7 | 2011/8 to 2012/7 | % Change | of: July 31, 2012 | | |
| 1(a) | 47,221 | 46,763 | -0.97% | 247,472 | 245,395 | -0.84% | Province | los as he | %* |
| 1(b) | 43,641 | 45,117 | 3.38% | 19,068 | 19,716 | 3.40% | | kg of bf | |
| 2 | 23,737 | 24,659 | 3.88% | 38,997 | 42,937 | 10.10% | NL | -147,434 | -7.40% |
| 3 | 103,990 | 105,422 | 1.38% | 236,019 | 237,838 | 0.77% | PE | -5,022 | -0.12% |
| 4(a) | 55,738 | 59,086 | 6.01% | 14,325 | 12,651 | -11.69% | NS NB | 5,512 52,592 | 0.08% 0.98% |
| 4(b) | 1,879 | 1,911 | 1.73% | 6,775 | 7,297 | 7.70% | QC | -389,318 | -0.33% |
| 4(m) 4(a1) | 565 | 785 | 38.87% | 53,390 | 73,009 | 36.75% | ON | -227,031 | -0.22% |
| 5(a,b,c) | 25,619 | 25,995 | 1.47% | 42,505 | 42,673 | 0.39% | MB | 78,633 | 0.62% |
| 5(d) | 984 | 895 | -9.00% | 28,930 | 28,882 | -0.16% | SK | -35,215 | -0.39% |
| Other | 1,407 | 2,673 | 89.98% | 7,659 | 4,969 | -35.12% | AB | 161,670 | 0.62% |
| Total | 304,781 | 313,307 | 2.80% | 695,140 | 715,366 | 2.91% | | 162,964 / Under Production (recent 12 months tot | 0.62% (with limits) expressed al quota |





| | Retail Product Sales* Current period vs previous period ('000 kg) | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|----------|--------|--|--|
| Up to: July 28, 2012 | | | | | | |
| | | Previous 12 Month | 12 Month | Change | | |
| | Butter | 52,034 | 52,516 | + 0.9% | | |
| | Total Cheese | 272,032 | 272,674 | - 0.2% | | |
| | Cheddar | 79,461 | 80,185 | + 0.9% | | |
| | Specialty | 80,655 | 80,754 | + 0.1% | | |
| | Processed | 86,948 | 85,653 | - 1.5% | | |
| | Ice cream | 197,813 | 187,865 | - 5.0% | | |
| | Yogurt | 252,902 | 257,534 | + 1.8% | | |

Source: The Nielsen Company, MarketTrack and Homescan panelists.

Butter Inventory ('000 kg)

| | Jul 31, 2011 | Jul 31, 2012 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
| PLAN A BUTTER | 55 | 1,958 | | |
| PLAN B BUTTER | 9,650 | 14,706 | | |
| IMPORTED BUTTER | 49 | 152 | | |
| TOTAL CDC BUTTER STOCKS | 9,754 | 16,816 | | |
| PRIVATE BUTTER STOCKS | 6,486 | 6,562 | | |
| TOTAL CDC AND PRIVATE BUTTER STOCKS | 16,240 | 23,378 | | |
| Other Private Stocks ('000 kg) | | | | |
| | Jul 31, 2011 | Jul 31, 2012 | | |
| CHEDDAR | 47,383 | 45,044 | | |

SPECIALTY CHEESE Comments on Stocks

PROCESSED CHEESE

Plan A butter stocks continued to increase in July but we remain far from our objective of 3,000 t at the end of the dairy year. The year ended on July 31 2012 with only 1,958 t in stock. The suspension of Plan B could prompt processors to offer more butter in Plan A during the coming months.

12.896

24,212

10.156

23,270

As is normally the case, Plan B butter stocks started to come down and stood at 14,706 t at the end of the dairy year. The Plan B program for butter is now closed and all the butter must be bought back by the processors before December 22. Nearly 3,000 t per month on average will need to be bought back this fall.

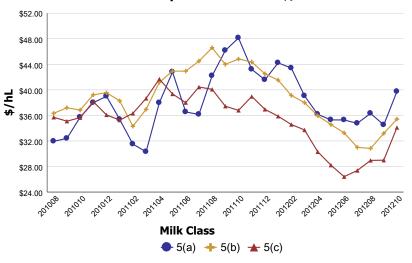
Imported butter stocks diminished by 4 t in July and stood at 152 t on July 31, 2012. Nearly 1,700 t were purchased and will be received from August to November, and the rest will be purchased at the beginning of 2013 when world prices should be more affordable. There will be no butter stocks intended for export as long as the CDC does not reach its goal of 3,000 t of butter in Plan A, which could happen at some point this fall.

Average Return from Milk Sales

| (\$/hl std) | | | | | |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------|--|--|
| Milk Class | 2010/8 to 2011/7 | 2011/8 to 2012/7 | % Change | | |
| 1 | \$90.47 | \$94.27 | 4.20% | | |
| 2 to 4(d) | \$76.35 | \$77.54 | 1.56% | | |
| 4(m) 4(a1)* | \$13.26 | \$11.53 | -13.05% | | |
| 5(a) to (c) | \$36.74 | \$38.24 | 4.09% | | |
| 5(d) | \$30.91 | \$31.34 | 1.41% | | |
| All Classes | \$75.37 | \$76.08 | 0.94% | | |

^{*} Price based on SNF components only

Class 5 Component Prices in \$/hL



Structural Surplus

(12 Month Rolling)

