

## Quota

The Quota Section of the Milk Management Department is responsible for administering the By-law respecting quotas for milk producers, which sets the quotas for milk production in Quebec. To that end, the Department controls quota transfers, administers the Young Dairy Farmers Assistance Program and the Dairy Enterprise Startup Program and adjusts production entitlement.

### Amendments to the By-law respecting quotas for milk producers

There were no amendments in 2023.

### Number of producers

As at December 31, 2023, Quebec had 4,333 licensed producers, compared to 4,498 on the same date the previous year. During the year, 17 producers purchased quota from an existing farm, for a total of 1,467.75 kilograms of butterfat per day. An additional 5 enterprises started up thanks to the startup assistance program. 1 of these 5 had been admitted in 2021 and the others in 2022.

### Production adjustment

The main objective of the provincial organizations is to meet demand as quickly and effectively as possible, which is why production adjustment measures were taken during the year. Thus, to ensure a better balance between production and demand and in consideration of the lower butter stock projections for 2023 and 2024, quota was increased by 2% for January. A total of 6 additional days were also announced throughout the year.

## PRODUCERS – QUOTA BY REGION – 2023<sup>1</sup>

Region	Number of producers	Quota (kg of BF/day)	Young farmers <sup>2</sup>			
			Before August 1, 2002		After August 1, 2002	
			Number of producers	Quota (kg of BF/day)	Number of producers	Quota (kg of BF/day)
01 – Estrie	422	44,410.35	103	106.60	59	168.10
02 – Capitale-Nationale–Côte-Nord	120	10,088.50	45	45.50	20	44.50
03 – Gaspésie-Les Îles	11	712.52	3	2.70	0	0.00
04 – Lanaudière	153	12,666.62	49	52.80	19	45.10
05 – Mauricie	174	15,592.44	59	61.80	25	60.70
06 – Outaouais-Laurentides	172	16,269.11	55	55.80	19	62.20
07 – Centre-du-Québec	625	70,230.89	180	187.10	101	250.80
08 – Abitibi-Témiscamingue	88	6,278.79	22	23.60	11	28.30
09 – Chaudière-Appalaches-Nord	544	50,548.04	187	193.00	64	150.00
10 – Chaudière-Appalaches-Sud	458	39,816.02	150	152.80	51	134.90
11 – Bas-Saint-Laurent	514	45,709.63	153	163.10	77	206.10
12 – Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean	236	20,869.06	72	80.80	35	91.70
13 – Montérégie-Est	469	49,484.42	162	167.40	47	134.20
14 – Montérégie-Ouest	347	33,251.91	118	120.70	34	63.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>415,928.30</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>1,413.70</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>1,440.20</b>

<sup>1</sup> The data in the table represent the situation as at December 31, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> The Young Dairy Farmers Assistance Program was created in 1987. It was replaced in 2002 by a new program. In 2020, the terms and conditions of the 2002 program were amended.

<sup>3</sup> The loans awarded under the Dairy Farm Startup Assistance Program were increased from 10 kilograms (kg) of butterfat (BF) per day in 2006 to 12 kg of BF per day in 2010. Since the new program was implemented in June 2016, loans are a minimum of 12 kg and a maximum of 16 kg of BF per day. In 2021, under the new terms and conditions, loans went to 20 kg of BF per day.

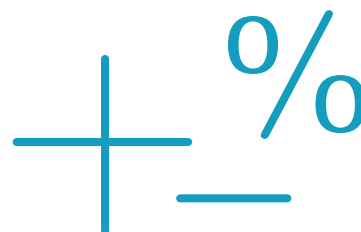
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#### CENTRALIZED QUOTA SALES SYSTEM (SCVQ) – QUOTA TRANSACTIONS PER REGION – 2023

Region	Quantity bought (kg of BF/day)	Quantity sold (kg of BF/day)
01 – Estrie	1,197.65	1,273.23
02 – Capitale-Nationale–Côte-Nord	282.85	273.27
03 – Gaspésie-Les Îles <sup>1</sup>	17.25	48.53
04 – Lanaudière	332.78	376.14
05 – Mauricie	406.74	514.22
06 – Outaouais-Laurentides	465.30	525.25
07 – Centre-du-Québec	1,929.28	1,682.20
08 – Abitibi-Témiscamingue <sup>1</sup>	95.52	154.92
09 – Chaudière-Appalaches-Nord	1,269.78	1,159.99
10 – Chaudière-Appalaches-Sud	1,146.39	1,069.30
11 – Bas-Saint-Laurent	1,317.76	1,182.76
12 – Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	703.65	517.28
13 – Montérégie-Est	1,235.93	1,686.48
14 – Montérégie-Ouest	797.42	735.00
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>11,198.30</b>	<b>11,198.57</b>

<sup>1</sup> For the Gaspésie-Les Îles and the Abitibi-Témiscamingue regions, the purchased quantities include the maximum quantities allocated for their priority of purchase, which are 0.00 and 73.47 kilograms (kg) of butterfat (BF) per day respectively.

<sup>2</sup> To balance the offers to buy with the offers to sell, the adjustment reserve bought 0.39 kilograms of butterfat per day.



### Saleable quota

+ 2% January

### Non-saleable quota related to events beyond the control of producers

January to June = 1.00%

July to December = 1.00%

The percentage issued is reviewed on January 1 and July 1 of every year. It is determined based on the average quota available in the underproduction reserve for circumstances beyond the control of producers during the six previous months.

After May 1, 2020		Dairy farm startup <sup>3</sup> Since August 1, 2006	
Number of producers	Quota (kg of BF/day)	Number of producers	Quota (kg of BF/day)
59	496.00	6	68.84
14	116.00	2	26.62
1	10.00	2	27.52
17	146.00	0	0.00
26	216.00	2	26.12
13	106.00	5	68.95
79	688.00	12	167.96
7	68.00	10	91.85
81	708.00	14	154.17
55	476.00	12	150.39
74	642.00	11	139.05
32	290.00	7	62.32
69	592.00	5	55.42
43	386.00	3	40.12
<b>570</b>	<b>4,940.00</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,079.33</b>



## Young dairy farmers assistance

Under the Young Dairy Farmers Assistance Program:

Loan for **6 kg** of BF per day

**25** compliant applications

**Total of 150 kg** of BF per day

Loan for **8 kg** of BF per day

**60** compliant applications

**Total of 480 kg** of BF per day

Loan for **10 kg** of BF per day

**77** compliant applications

**Total of 770 kg** of BF per day

### ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION DAYS – 2023

Month	Regular milk	Organic milk
January	0	0
February	0	0
March	0	0
April	0	0
May	1	1
June	1	1
July	1	1
August	0	0
September	1	1
October	1	1
November	1	1
December	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

### SCVQ – 2023

Month	Quota price (\$/kg of BF/day)	Bids to buy (kg of BF/day)	Offers to sell (kg of BF/day)
January	24,000.00	17,270.42	978.05
February	24,000.00	17,510.67	1,539.11
March	24,000.00	17,991.77	985.13
April	24,000.00	18,367.08	623.70
May	24,000.00	18,566.92	875.23
June	24,000.00	17,976.12	827.66
July	24,000.00	17,610.61	874.08
August	24,000.00	17,195.31	753.68
September	24,000.00	16,905.96	888.13
October	24,000.00	16,588.21	1,063.98
November	24,000.00	16,195.45	1,052.58
December	24,000.00	16,484.11	737.24

The quota price ceiling in effect during the year is \$24,000 per kilogram (kg) of butterfat (BF) per day.

### Quota transfer rules

Producers may apply to the Régie des marchés agricoles et alimentaires du Québec (RMAAQ) to request a review of a decision rendered by Les Producteurs de lait du Québec or to be exempted from provisions of the By-Law respecting quotas for milk producers. **In 2023, the RMAAQ analyzed 25 applications for exemption that had been submitted to it.** They concerned the rules that apply to relocating, transferring quota, temporary transfers, and the assistance programs for young dairy farmers and dairy enterprise startups.

### Startup assistance

**In 2023, Les Producteurs de lait du Québec granted a startup assistance loan to 5 enterprises that were deemed eligible for the Dairy Farm Startup Assistance Program.** Loans were granted in the following regions: Mauricie, Centre-du-Québec, Chaudière-Appalaches-Sud and Bas-Saint-Laurent.

### Quota maintenance

**Les Producteurs de lait du Québec authorized 49 producers to keep their quota or transfer it temporarily** in whole or in part (4 due to disease among their dairy cows, 32 due to the disability or death of a farmer, 13 due to an event beyond their control that caused damage to animal housing).