# Canadian Dairy Commission 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Meeting

### WELCOME



## Chair's Opening Remarks

## Alistair Johnston Chairman



## **Opening Address**



- Jean-Claude Poissant
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and
- Agri-Food
- Member of Parliament for
- La Prairie, Québec

# 2017 – The Dairy Industry A Year in Review

## Alistair Johnston Chairman



## 2017 – The Dairy Industry A Year in Review

- Implementation of the National Ingredient Strategy
- Increased use of MUV/Syslait among provinces
- Butterfat demand continued on an upward trend
- Market requirements for butterfat better balanced / reduced butter Imports
- CDC Industry Survey published and shared
- MAG projects
- New investments in processing facilities



## Report on Governance

## Alistair Johnston Chairman



### **CDC** Mandate

- To provide efficient producers of milk and cream with the opportunity to obtain a fair return for their labour and investment, and
- To provide consumers of dairy products with a continuous and adequate supply of dairy products of high quality.





#### CDC's Board of Directors

Alistair Johnston, Chairman First term effective August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2019

Jacques Laforge, CEO
First appointed on February 2,
2012; reappointed until
February 1, 2018

Jennifer Hayes, Commissioner and Chair of the Audit Committee First term effective January 3, 2017 to January 2, 2020



## **Board Responsibilities**



- Overall stewardship of the CDC
- Planning and Reporting
- Financial
   Management
- Risk Management
- Policy Decisions
- Internal controls
- Succession Planning
- Proactive Disclosure

## Our Decision Making Process



#### S.A.F.E.T.I.

- STRATEGIC
- ACCOUNTABLE
- FAIR
- EFFECTIVE
- TRANSPARENT
- INCLUSIVE
- SAFETI was tested with key decisions from mid year
- Key goal was to pursue Principles Based decisions

## Industry Survey

#### **Process/Format:**

- Full process administered by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (Intersol)
- Over 100 stakeholders completed the survey (Jan/Feb 2017)
- Roughly 30 One on One interviews with industry leaders (March 2017)
- Facilitated workshop to prioritize industry goals (July 2017)

#### **Results:**

- Supply Management
- Program Administration and Oversight
- Producer Revenues
- Industry Facilitation
- Stakeholder Engagement





## Industry Survey – action plan

- Improve meeting management
- Improve market forecasting
- Take a more collaborative approach
- Enhance CDC governance
- Repeat survey in 2020



## Canadian Dairy Workforce Development Initiative

#### **Objective:**

Enable productivity, competitiveness, and innovation in the Canadian dairy industry by way of supporting the attraction and education of a qualified workforce for this industry.

#### **Budget:**

\$5 million over 3 years

#### **Eligible organizations:**

Learning institutions and dairy associations



## Canadian Dairy Workforce Development Initiative

#### Four elements:

- Scholarships for graduate studies
- Promotion of careers
- Full-time educational programs
- Continuing education

# Our Ongoing Commitment to Openness and Transparency

- Financial Statements
- Minister's Mandate Letter to CDC Chair
- Commissioners' Travel Expenses
- Corporate Plan Summary
- Rules of Governance and Commissioners' Work Descriptions
- OAG Special Examination Report
- CDC Code of Ethics
- Board Assessment Results
- ATIP Requests
- Cost of Production Results
- Decision Making



## CEO's Report

Jacques Laforge
Chief Executive Officer



## Our Key Result Areas

- Investment, innovation and growth in the Canadian dairy sector
- The role of the CDC in the industry
- Administration of the milk supply management system
- A well-managed CDC



## Audit Committee Chair's Report

Jennifer Hayes
Commissioner and
Chair of the Audit Committee



# Financial Review and Oversight



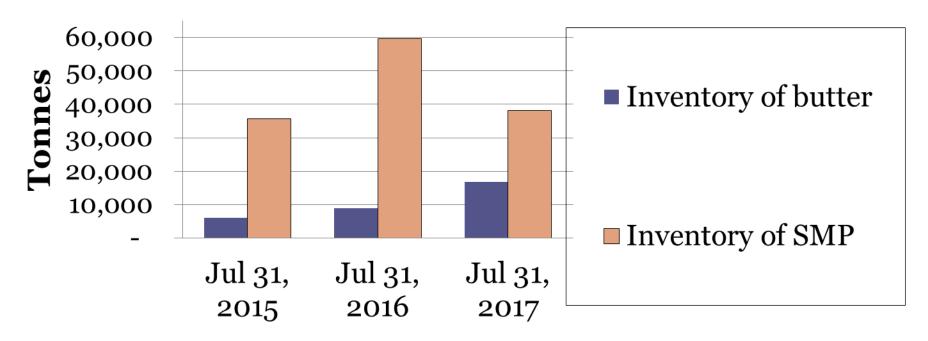
## Inventory

Butter and skim milk powder (SMP) purchased under:

- Domestic Seasonality program
- Surplus Removal Program
- Imported butter as part of Canada's obligations under the WTO



## Inventory

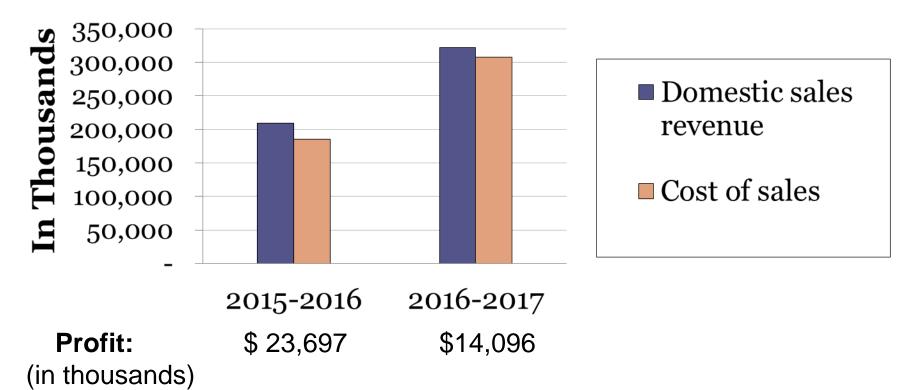


**Total Value:** \$93,249 \$137,345 \$176,905 (in thousands)

- THIGHER INVENTORY OF Plan B butter, which has a high \$ value
- Lower inventory of SMP



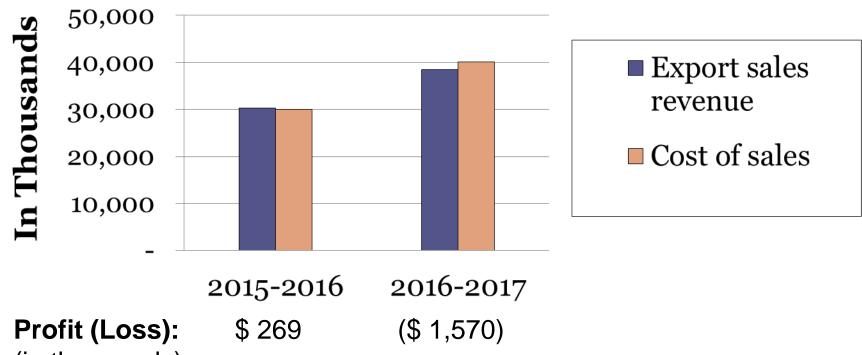
### **Domestic Activities**



- **1** More sales of Plan B and imported butter
- Lower returns on imported butter



## **Export Activities**



(in thousands)

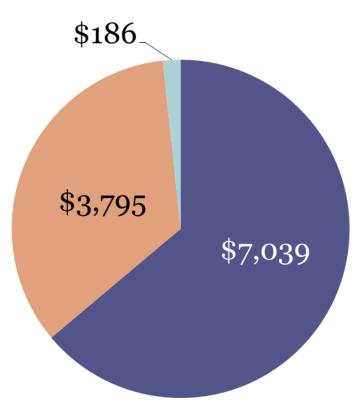
Higher quantities exported and selling prices

Lower margins on exports



### Other Income

#### In thousands



Funding from milk pools

■ Funding from the Government of Canada

Audit services

## Operating and Administrative Expenses

#### In thousands



- Operating Expenses
  - Industry initiatives
  - Cost of production study
  - Other operating charges
- Administrative Expenses
  - Salary and employee benefits
  - Rent, travel and administrative support



### **Overall Results**

- 2016-2017 operational surplus: \$8.4 million
  - Reimbursed to provincial agencies and boards following a decision of the CMSMC
- Total comprehensive income: \$5.4 million

## Guest Speaker



#### Steve Verheul

Canada's Chief Negotiator for the NAFTA Negotiations

#### Previous positions include:

- Canada's Chief Trade Negotiator for negotiations between Canada and the European Union in the DFAIT (2009-2016)
- Canada's Chief Agriculture Negotiator (2003-2009)
- Worked in International trade policy at AAFC (1989-2009)
  - on NAFTA negotiations, the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations that led to the establishment of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the Doha Round of WTO negotiations

## **Question Period**

Any questions or comments?



## Chair's Closing Remarks

## Alistair Johnston Chairman

