



July 21, 2022

## Registration now Open - ODC Golf Tournament September 28



Registration is **now open** for the ODC Annual Golf Tournament to be held on September 28, 2022. The tournament will take place at Glen Abbey Golf Club again this year. Gather your foursomes and register to join the dairy industry in a fun filled day of golf, networking and prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please see attached [brochure](#) or reach out to [Mary Beth Holmes](#).

## Plant Milk Grader Refresher Training

All PMG certificates that expired in 2020 through 2022 have all been extended to March 31, 2023. Those, along with the certificates set to expire in March 2023, all require a refresher session by March 31, 2023. If you are planning to renew your certificate, we strongly recommend that you [register](#) immediately to secure your spot, rather than wait until the last minute. The class size is limited and waiting until the last minute will likely result in disappointment due to spaces not available at preferred times or not at all.

Upcoming Refresher dates are:  
August 23 – afternoon  
August 25 – afternoon  
September 20 or 22 – afternoon  
October 25 or 27 – afternoon  
November 22 – afternoon  
November 23 or 24 – morning or afternoon

Please contact the [office](#) for more information.

## ODC Queen's Park Day

It is confirmed that ODC will hold its Lobby Day at Queen's Park on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The ODC Board will participate to represent dairy processors and speak to several Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and key Cabinet Ministers on a number of key issues. As part of the day, ODC will host a luncheon featuring a variety of menu options that include Ontario dairy products.

## National Common Milk Utilization System (NCMUS)

ODC, along with Western Dairy Council and Quebec Dairy Council, have been leading a national process that seeks to have one single milk utilization system across Canada. Currently, eight provinces use MUV, Quebec uses Syslait, and Newfoundland does not use a specific system. In addition to the usual advantages of harmonization, one common system would also bring cost efficiencies, operational efficiencies and potentially provide enhanced security measures to the data in the system. The national NCMUS Steering Committee meets next on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Inhibitor Testing

ODC's Quality Technical Committee has been working with DFO to review the current inhibitor screening program at the plant. Among the topics under discussion are the current rebate level (ODC has requested \$11.75 per test rather than the current \$11.00 so that actual costs are covered), rapid macrolide testing, and how to avoid unconfirmed positive inhibitor loads. Scientific experts from Charm Sciences and University of Guelph Laboratory Services are also being consulted as needed. Discussions will resume in September.

## Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) appoints new CEO

On July 6th, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced the appointment of Benoit Basillais as the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Dairy Commission, replacing Serge Riendeau. Mr. Basillais joined CDC in 2003 as an economist and has since held various leadership positions with CDC. ODC Congratulates Mr. Basillais in his new role.

## Joint ODC/CILQ Board Meeting

On June 22, 2022, the Ontario Dairy Council Board of Directors met with the Conseils des industriels laitiers du Quebec Board of Directors. This meeting typically takes place annually so that they can discuss common key processor issues and potentially take joint action. Representatives from Western Dairy Council and Dairy Processors Association of Canada were also present. Key topics this year included Trade, National Milk Utilization software, Front of Package Labelling and the Retail Code of Practice. Members will be kept apprised of updates on all issues as they are available.

## Trade

In May, the United States filed a second request for consultation on Canada's dairy tariff rate quota (TRQ) allocation mechanism. The US claims that Canada is still in contravention of CUSMA despite revisions to the TRQs allocation mechanism by Canada. The Canadian government remains that Canada is in compliance. New Zealand has now requested consultation on the allocation of dairy TRQs under the Comprehensive Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) agreement with similar arguments used by the United States. ODC will continue to follow this file and share information with Members as it becomes available.

## Retail Code of Practice

At the July 2021 meeting of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) Ministers, it was recommended that a Retail Code of Practice be developed in Canada. A working group was established to create a draft that would be fair and developed on a principle of reciprocity. Dairy Processors Association of Canada sits on the working group. A draft of a code is well underway and a progress report will be made at the FPT meeting this month. The next steps will be to finalize the code content and seek a legal review. An implementation plan will be developed and industry consultation will follow.

## Front of Package Labelling Regulation

Health Canada is introducing nutritional labelling regulations for packaged foods requiring a symbol on the front of packages that indicates that a food is high in saturated fat, sugars and/or sodium. There are some exceptions including 2% and whole milk as well as some conditions for other dairy products. More information can be found [here](#). The food industry has until January 1, 2026 to comply.

## Marketing to Kids

A private Members Bill (c-252) sponsored by Member of Parliament Patricia Lattanzio is proposing some changes to how businesses market to children. At this time, the private members bill is in its second reading. Once the Bill passes, it will provide direction to the [Ministry](#) to develop specific regulation... industry consultation will begin once that happens.

## WSIB Funding for Small Business

On July 26, 2022, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is hosting a webinar to provide details on new financial support from WSIB. The new fund will help smaller businesses recover from the pandemic by doubling rebates available through its? Health and Safety Excellence Program and giving business \$1,000 toward their health and safety plan. Registration information is available [here](#).

## ODC is Your Association

ODC is your association and we do our best to represent the processing sector wherever possible on dairy related issues. We also focus on keeping you up-to-date on dairy issues that may affect your business or bottom line. If there are issues that are affecting you now that may not be on our radar, we encourage you to bring them forward to us in case we might be able to help. Send any comments or suggestions to ODC President, Christina Lewis, at [clewis@ontariodairies.ca](mailto:clewis@ontariodairies.ca).

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