

# Criteria for Producers Using Milk Recording

1. proAction Environmental Questionnaire score of 50% or greater

2. Herd Sustainability Index of 50 or greater

3. Must meet at least 6 of the metrics below per the most recently available Herd Sustainability report

## Longevity and Culling

Cows in 3rd Lactation and over (%)	40% or greater
Involuntary Cull Rate (%)	23% or less
Cow Mortality Rate (%)	5% or less

## Feeding and Production

Cows with MUN values less than 5 or greater than 18 mg N/dl (%)	4% or less
Management Index – Milk (kg)	0 or greater
Transition Cow Index	240 or greater

## Heifers

Calf Mortality Rate 0-24 hr (%)	6% or less
Age at First Calving (months)	24 months or less

## Health

Cows with Beta Hydroxybutyrate > 0.2 mmol/L (%)	3% or less
Cows with Somatic Cell Count > 200 000 cells/ml (%)	17% or less



# Criteria for Producers Using an On-Farm Herd Management System

1. proAction Environmental Questionnaire score of 50% or greater

2. Must meet at least 6 of the metrics below using herd production data for the 12 months preceding the application date

## Longevity and Culling

Cows in 3rd Lactation and over (%)	40% or greater
Involuntary Cull Rate (%)	23% or less
Cow Mortality Rate (%)	5% or less

## Feeding and Production

Annual Milk Production per Cow (kg) <small>Average production must be greater than breed average. Herds with mixed breed will be based on the breed with a dominant percentage.</small>	Holstein	10316 kg
	Ayrshire	7722 kg
	Jersey	6954 kg
	Brown Swiss	8022 kg
Milk Pickups with Bulk Tank MUN values less than 8 and greater than 12 mg N/dl (%)	35% or less	

## Heifers

Calf Mortality Rate 0-24 hr (%)	6% or less
Age at First Calving (months)	24 months or less

## Health

Milk Pickups with Bulk Tank Somatic Cell Count > 200 000 cells/ml (%)	25% or less
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### Steps to apply for the incentive

1. Please use the figure above for an overview of the eligibility criteria. If you use Lactanet's milk recording services then please refer to the Criteria for Producers Using Milk Recording, otherwise please refer to the Criteria for Producers Using an On-Farm Herd Management System.
2. FCC has developed a tool within the application form which will allow you to enter your metrics in advance of completing your application. This will advise you if you meet the criteria or if further progress is needed to advance your on-farm sustainability metrics.
3. Depending on your result:
  - a. If you are eligible then continue through the form to complete the application for the incentive.
  - b. If you are not eligible, please refer to Lactanet's website on the [Sustainability index](#) and related metrics and [DFC's proAction](#) for more information on on-farm sustainability.

For producers not using Milk Recording services, please see <https://www.fcc-fac.ca/fcc/resources/en-sustainability-incentive-program-report-examples.pdf> for examples of how you might calculate eligibility criteria metrics from your On-Farm Herd Management System data.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [SustainabilityPrograms@fcc-fac.ca](mailto:SustainabilityPrograms@fcc-fac.ca).

