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Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Monday, July 12, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 109 State St. Room 267 and Broadcast via YouTube

The Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry (Task Force) will meet remotely on Monday, July 12, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Members of the public may view the meeting at 109 State St. Room 267 or via YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQXkUCDAVICKzSdNeipFDkA/featured>

Section 31 of Act 129 of 2020 required the Department of Financial Regulation (DFR) to submit to the Vermont General Assembly an evaluation of the long-term sustainability of dairy farming in Vermont under current regulatory and market conditions. As part of the evaluation, DFR was required to submit recommendations for revising regulated dairy pricing and other market regulation in the State to improve the future viability of Vermont dairy farming. In response to DFR's recommendations, Act 129 required the General Assembly to establish the Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry in order to develop legislation to implement DFR's recommendations.

At its July 12, 2021, meeting, the Task Force will take testimony from a variety of milk purchasers in the State. The agenda for the Task Force meeting is attached.

Interested parties and members of the public are invited to provide input to the Task Force by e-mailing DairyTaskForce@leg.state.vt.us.

Testimony submitted to the Task Force and other relevant documents can be found at the Task Force website: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/detail/2022/366>



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Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry

AGENDA

109 State St. Room 267

July 12, 2021

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Meetings are livestreamed [here](#)

- 9:00 AM** **Overview of Task Force work**
Sen. Robert Starr, Co-Chair
- 9:10 AM** **Milk purchasers in Vermont**
Tom Gates, Cooperative Relations Manager, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream (9:10 AM)
Cheryl Pinto, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream (9:10 AM)
Rolf Carlson, Commonwealth Dairy (9:40 AM)
Catherine de Ronde, Vice President of Economic and Legislative Affairs, Agri-Mark (10:10 AM)
- 10:40 AM** **Break**
- 10:50 AM** **Milk purchasers in Vermont**
Jon Rooney, Owner, Monument Farms Dairy (10:50 AM)
Mateo Kehler, Owner, Jasper Hill Farms (11:20 AM)
- 11:50 AM** **Planning next meeting**
- 12:00 NOON** **Adjourn**

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