

# Farmworker Housing Project



**Farmworker Housing Repair Program**

**Presentation to Vermont House General**

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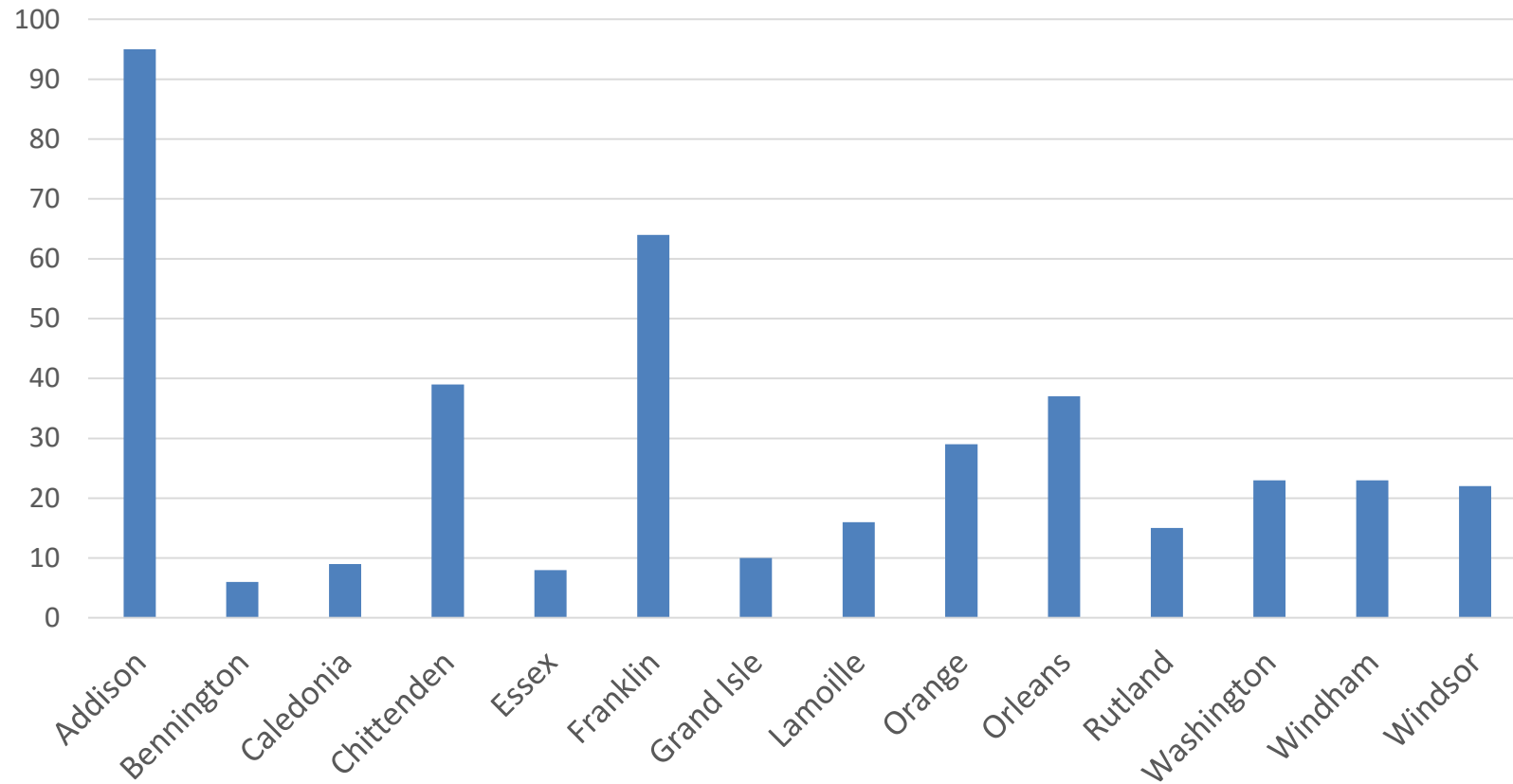
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# Farmworker Housing Data by UVM Extension

Farms Outsourcing Labor by County



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Housing is one of the most common non-wage benefits provided to workers on dairy farms

### Latinx Migrant Workers

Housing & Utilities provided by 100% of farms

Farmer estimated median annual value per worker \$4,367

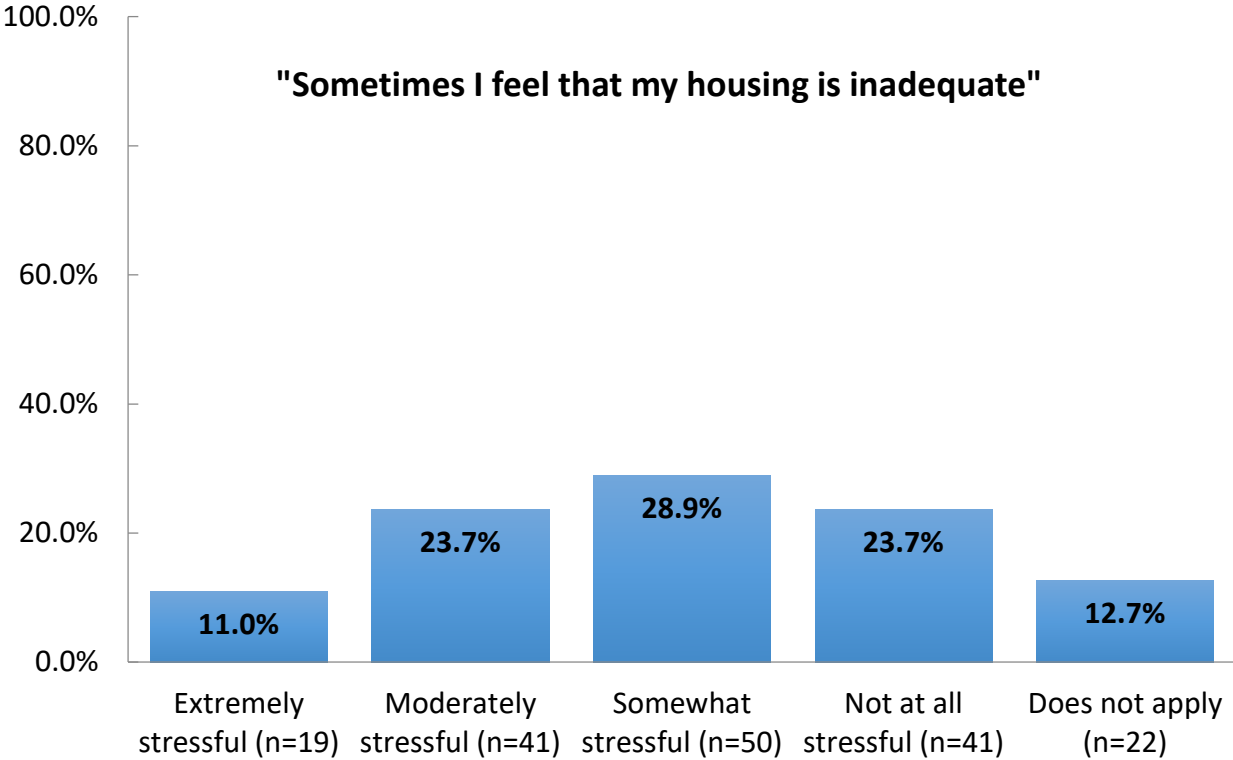
### U.S. Workers

Housing provided by 62% of farms, Utilities provided by 53% of farms

Farmer estimated median annual value per worker \$14,100

Source: Baker & Chappelle, 2010; Baker, Irwin & Kades, 2018.

# Latinx Migrant Dairy Farmworker Housing Stress (2016)



Source: Baker, Kades, Gerlicz & Melgar, 2016

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# UVM Extension Project Timeline:

January:  
Identify potential farms according to data

February:  
Initiate farm outreach and statewide stakeholder meeting

March:  
Application available, refer to CHT, collect data

April/May:  
Encourage farms to complete applications, assist CHT with organizing farm visits.

Moving Forward:  
Facilitate communication between farmers and CHT. Begin construction.

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# Anticipated Outcomes

- Improved stability on farms – Attracting and retaining employees
- Improved physical and mental health for farmworkers – Less sick time
- **Looking forward: The need for full housing replacements and new construction.**

## Education and Health in Relation to Housing

- Bed bugs and pests, fire and carbon monoxide, waste disposal, food storage, cleaning and maintenance, preventing illness in congregate housing (ventilation and sanitization).
- Educational programs to enhance language and workplace communication



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**What questions do you have?**

