

Chair Sheldon,

A question was asked during our testimony in your Committee about acres lost along with the 81 dairy farms that ceased operation in Vermont in 2020 and 2021.

We rely on USDA ag census data for ag land values, so I don't have this exact statistic.

NASS data does provide over arching agricultural production data that demonstrates over 1.3 **Million** acres are devoted to agriculture in Vermont and that we have lost 32% of our crop land in the state since 1987, representing a cumulative loss of 228,299 acres (as of 2017 census data).

I hope this may be valuable to your discussions and agree that we are happy to engage any further questions you may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your Committee today.

Thanks,  
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