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Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Tuesday, August 24, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Room 11 State House Broadcast via YouTube

The Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry (Task Force) will meet at the State House on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Members of the public may attend the meeting at the State House or view it 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 August 24, 2021 meeting, the Task Force will take testimony concerning milk production from farmers of small, medium and large conventional dairy farms in the State. The Task Force will take testimony from organic dairy farmers at a subsequent meeting. 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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AGENDA

Room 11

August 24, 2021

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Meetings are livestreamed [here](#)

9:00 AM

Small Farm Producers

Joanna Lidback, Wheeler Mountain Farm, Barton, VT (9:05 AM)

Mary White, Fort Waite Holsteins LLC, Corinth, VT (9:20 AM)

Andy Birch, Maple Grove Farm, Derby, VT (9:35 AM)

9:55 AM

Medium Farm Producers

Brett Urie, Shadagee Farmstead, Craftsbury Common, VT (9:55 AM)

Rebecca Manning Howrigan, Manning Dairy Farm, St. Albans, VT
(10:10 AM)

Stephanie Pope, North Wind Acres Farm, Shoreham, VT (10:25 AM)

10:45 AM

Break

11:00 AM

Large Farm Producers

Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, East Montpelier, VT (11:00 AM)

Reg Chaput, Chaput Family Farms, Troy, VT (11:20 AM)

Will Gladstone, Newmont Farm, Bradford, VT (11:40 AM)

12:00 PM

Adjournment

*If you have any questions or comments, please contact
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