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Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Monday, June 7, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Meeting Broadcast via YouTube

The Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry (Task Force) will meet on Monday, June 7, 2021, from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 noon. Because of COVID-19 precautions, the Task Force meeting will take place via Zoom. The agenda for the Task Force meeting is attached. Members of the public may view the meeting via YouTube at: https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/legislative-study-committees

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.

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

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Meetings are livestreamed here

9:00 AM Introductions

9:10 AM Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

EB Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Agrimark

Catherine DeRonde, Vice President, Agri-Mark

11:00 AM Dairy Farmers of America

Kiersten Bourgeois, Business Development and Communications Manager, Dairy Farmers of America - Invited

12:00 PM Adjourn

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Linda Leehman at lleehman@leg.state.vt.us