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Dubuque, Nicole

So essentially, if you joined us to share your personal experience regarding the weather events of this growing season, which should be the freeze that happened in May and also the flooding and heavy rains of July, we would like you to please start with an explanation of how you were impacted and then any suggestions you have about what might be most helpful them to recover losses.

0:0:25.190 --> 0:0:26.300

Dubuque, Nicole

So do we have?

0:0:26.350 --> 0:0:26.780

Dubuque, Nicole

Let's see.

0:0:26.790 --> 0:0:27.880

Dubuque, Nicole

Do we have hands up yet?

0:0:35.550 --> 0:0:41.840

Roy Beckford

I don't see hands at this point and I do see several people from the the Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition.

0:0:41.850 --> 0:0:51.70

Roy Beckford

I did speak with Vijay yesterday about inviting folks from those, so feel free to raise your hand and be part of this necessary conversation.

0:0:54.630 --> 0:0:54.910

Dubuque, Nicole

OK.

0:0:57.840 --> 0:1:0.990

Roy Beckford

Nicole, you wanna repeat the the last message you gave?

0:1:1.0 --> 0:1:2.910

Roy Beckford

Because I think you broke up a little bit there.

0:1:3.460 --> 0:1:4.420

Dubuque, Nicole

Ohh I apologize.

0:1:4.770 --> 0:1:5.620

Dubuque, Nicole

Umm. Ohh.

0:1:9.150 --> 0:1:10.250

Dubuque, Nicole

You've got guests coming in.

0:1:11.760 --> 0:1:12.270

Dubuque, Nicole

Hi, Nicole.

0:1:12.280 --> 0:1:12.850

Dubuque, Nicole

I just saw you.

0:1:12.860 --> 0:1:19.520

Dubuque, Nicole

Joanne Umm, so I'm just starting to give kind of the the overview of prompt for people to be able to speak.

0:1:19.530 --> 0:1:29.120

Dubuque, Nicole

So what I had said previously is just if you are here to share your experiences, please raise your hand or at this point we'll probably just have people step in.

0:1:29.130 --> 0:1:53.920

Dubuque, Nicole

But what we're looking for is for you to tell the group how you were impacted by the weather events of this growing season, which could either be the freeze in May, the flooding and heavy rain in July, or both, and then also if you have ideas to offer about what your top priorities for recovery would be or things that you feel it would be very helpful for you, then we'll we'll go from there.

0:1:59.0 --> 0:1:59.530

Dubuque, Nicole

I can't.

0:1:59.540 --> 0:2:2.190

Dubuque, Nicole

I can't hear you, Nicole, but I I see you talking.

0:2:6.330 --> 0:2:6.490

Dubuque, Nicole

Yeah.

0:2:11.180 --> 0:2:27.190

Willard, Abbey

This is where that the teams interface is so different from zoom, so that might be the same thing, Brian, that you were experiencing is however, your audio settings are set up may not perfectly transitioned for teams.

0:2:29.450 --> 0:2:29.680

Kate Longfield

Yeah.

0:2:33.950 --> 0:2:34.170

Willard, Abbey

Yeah.

0:2:29.690 --> 0:2:34.220

Kate Longfield

I think Brian is going to try to call in because I know he had some thoughts to share, OK.

0:2:46.320 --> 0:2:50.170

Dubuque, Nicole

Would it be helpful if I shared the call in number in the chat for folks?

0:2:51.590 --> 0:2:52.800

Roy Beckford

I think that would be helpful, yes.

0:2:56.770 --> 0:2:59.650

Powers, Eileen - FPAC-FSA, VT

And Nicole, I think Nina Gage already put that in there.

0:3:0.520 --> 0:3:1.730

Dubuque, Nicole

OK, perfect.

0:3:5.760 --> 0:3:8.460

Dubuque, Nicole

I guess my other question is, can everybody see the chat?

0:3:10.570 --> 0:3:12.830

Dubuque, Nicole

Because I know sometimes external folks can't see it.

0:3:19.550 --> 0:3:27.830

Roy Beckford

So the number to call will be 8028287667, so 828-7667.

0:3:33.90 --> 0:3:35.980

Willard, Abbey

And then you'll have to enter the code to be able to get in.

0:3:36.440 --> 0:3:38.470

Roy Beckford

Right then the code would be.

0:3:38.600 --> 0:3:45.140

Roy Beckford

If you want to write it down to 522594541 and then pound.

0:3:54.230 --> 0:3:55.800

Roy Beckford

And I'm really eager to hear from folks.

0:3:57.270 --> 0:3:58.530

Roy Beckford

This is testimonial day.

0:4:15.710 --> 0:4:15.850

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But.

0:4:13.240 --> 0:4:18.50

Gage, Nina

Umm, the only other troubleshooting potential is to dial Star 6 once.

0:4:18.60 --> 0:4:21.590

Gage, Nina

You can hear folks on the meeting, which is gonna unmute your microphone.

0:4:28.140 --> 0:4:29.100

Gage, Nina

We can hear you, Brian.

0:4:28.580 --> 0:4:29.130

Dubuque, Nicole

And Brian?

0:4:25.900 --> 0:4:30.10

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Hello, this is Brian, Brian. We can really run this.

0:4:31.390 --> 0:4:32.360

1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

OK, I'm gonna.

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I'm.

0:4:32.370 --> 0:4:34.140

1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

I'm gonna leave on the video.

0:4:35.350 --> 0:4:35.910

1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

Am I still there?

0:4:37.90 --> 0:4:37.570

Roy Beckford

Yeah, you are.

0:4:36.740 --> 0:4:38.30

Gage, Nina

Yep, we can hear you loud and clear.

0:4:37.170 --> 0:4:38.100

Dubuque, Nicole

We hear you, yes.

0:4:38.880 --> 0:4:41.490

1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

OK, I just shut off my computer because it was echoing.

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1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

So yeah, sorry about the confusion.

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My computer, so we sorry.

0:4:45.620 --> 0:4:54.410

1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

So here I I'd like to speak for the farmers here predominantly and Addison and Chittenden Rutland counties.

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While many of us didn't have the direct impact of the flooding, of those you know, initial storms, we've all been dealing with just relentless rain basically since the end of June, early July and severely impacted our summer harvest.

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1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

Umm, many farms are still have first cut that they didn't get cut.

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Second, cut some of its come in some of it's still coming in and some farms there been lucky enough to now take a third cut.

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But even even with that said, no matter what stage we're at, we've all.

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The quality of the feed is just been impacted very, very negatively.

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Umm, everyone's concerned about the forages that we're putting in many farms, you know, are gonna be short of forages and thankfully the agency, you know, is put up that website for people who have extra feed to share for those that that may not have the feed.

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But again, it's it's just the everything's behind schedule and you know, we're all struggling to get back in the fields with with the the recent weather of two week within the last two weeks were able to get some things done, but here we are wet again and down our way today it's raining like I'm sure it is in the rest of the state.

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1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

Umm, you know the complications and getting manure out.

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1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

All of that is is just been.

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Elevated to a level that's very stressful and very concerning for I think almost all Vermont farmers and whether it's dairy or beef or vegetable or or even the fruit.

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You know, people would do it.

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1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

Frost earlier in the spring, so it's been a very difficult summer and.

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I don't think any of us have any answers on how to recoup this, but tremendous loss and you know and poor quality feeds directly affect milk or any production.

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And even in the fruit and berries, you know that all this rain has not been good for them either.

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So it's just trying here and you know we're we're just trying to adapt and and get through the forage year and do what we can for those of us that are lucky that have feed from last year, I think it's a blessing uh, but yeah, that's just in a nutshell.

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1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

Yeah, just very struggling.

0:7:33.40 --> 0:7:35.510

1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

I don't, I don't know the answers for recouping losses.

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1dcfd2f8-a6a4-4e14-b350-7a38bc8d6d17

You know, I know there's some better programs out there, but those I think are going to be limited to who they impact.

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No, that's.

0:7:46.150 --> 0:7:49.260

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That's what I have to say and can add more later if questions arise.

0:7:52.60 --> 0:7:52.810

Roy Beckford

Alright, thank you.

0:8:0.360 --> 0:8:1.870

Dubuque, Nicole

Think the call.

0:8:1.880 --> 0:8:3.100

Dubuque, Nicole

Do we have you on the line?

0:8:4.790 --> 0:8:5.220

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Yes.

0:8:5.530 --> 0:8:6.110

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Can you hear me?

0:8:6.760 --> 0:8:7.510

Dubuque, Nicole

Yes.

0:8:7.600 --> 0:8:8.390

Dubuque, Nicole

Do you wanna go ahead?

0:8:8.530 --> 0:8:8.720

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Yep.

0:8:8.400 --> 0:8:14.590

Dubuque, Nicole

Maybe we could go through all the testimonials and then the group can ask any follow up questions they may have.

0:8:16.770 --> 0:8:17.620

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OK, great.

0:8:17.670 --> 0:8:18.790

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Yeah, I don't have too much time.

0:8:20.980 --> 0:8:26.510

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So I have a few down in Berlin, so I'm right next to Montpelier.

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I do more.

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I don't have a farm that has vegetables or fruit or anything.

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We are.

0:8:34.560 --> 0:8:37.280

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I do more of livestock, fish, animals.

0:8:38.590 --> 0:8:42.80

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Umm I have more of a niche type of farm.

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I have over 1000 like types of birds and things like that and some that are like emus, all the way down.

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So we got I think for me it uh, there's so much to say, but more so I barely even got out of my place to even get out to get anything for our Subs.

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Took me like 3 weeks and I still didn't.

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Even I still haven't even applied for like the Big Gap grant just because I had no help as well.

0:9:19.380 --> 0:9:30.550

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I just don't have time to apply like for all the stuff and manage all the disaster and all the birds I've lost and no staff.

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So it's so I think and then some of the things are conflicting from what's FEMA and what's not.

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So, and I might not fit into certain categories.

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Necessarily.

0:9:44.320 --> 0:9:55.370

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So I guess all and also a lot of his loans, it seems like so that I'm in, I already have like for example along with Vida.

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So I can't really get another loan like I already have a project going on so it makes it difficult, Frank.

0:10:4.930 --> 0:10:6.80

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I mean, I could say a lot more.

0:10:6.230 --> 0:10:8.420

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It just depends on what would be helpful.

0:10:18.490 --> 0:10:27.460

Dubuque, Nicole

To folks have any other specific areas that they want to ask Nicole to talk about now or should we and move on and then come back for questions?

0:10:34.800 --> 0:10:36.270

Dubuque, Nicole

OK. Ah.

0:10:39.910 --> 0:10:41.180

Dubuque, Nicole

I see that.

0:10:41.190 --> 0:10:41.660

Dubuque, Nicole

Uh.

0:10:42.130 --> 0:10:47.520

Dubuque, Nicole

Hillary joined us and I think we have a few others I also know.

0:10:49.810 --> 0:10:50.340

Dubuque, Nicole

Thank you.

0:10:50.400 --> 0:10:55.700

Dubuque, Nicole

Amber was going to, let's see speak on behalf of the farmer as well.

0:11:2.650 --> 0:11:2.960

Dubuque, Nicole

Umm.

0:11:5.390 --> 0:11:6.360

Dubuque, Nicole

Hillary, I know you.

0:11:6.370 --> 0:11:13.580

Dubuque, Nicole

You joined a few minutes after we did introductions, so I I don't know if you wanted to speak next or if you needed.

0:11:15.930 --> 0:11:28.140

Dubuque, Nicole

Medic kind of update you on on what we're doing right now, which is just people are talking about their the impacts of the the weather events from this growing season, whether it be the freeze, the flood or both.

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Dubuque, Nicole

And then also if they have suggestions on what would be most helpful for recovery or what their priorities are for recovery, they're sharing that as well.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

OK, my mic or am I nuded?

0:11:42.420 --> 0:11:43.330

Dubuque, Nicole

No, we hear you.

0:11:43.920 --> 0:11:44.230

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

Woo.

0:11:45.280 --> 0:11:45.640

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

Great.

0:11:46.540 --> 0:11:51.690

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

Should I jump in or I feel a little shy to do that?

0:11:51.700 --> 0:12:4.340

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

Not having heard, you know who presented in front of me, but I don't want to repeat what anyone else has said, I guess, but shall I?

0:12:4.400 --> 0:12:5.840

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

I can say a quick thing.

0:12:6.490 --> 0:12:8.420

Dubuque, Nicole

Yeah, yeah, go ahead.

0:12:6.790 --> 0:12:8.600

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OK, great.

0:12:8.430 --> 0:12:9.40

Dubuque, Nicole

I I don't.

0:12:9.90 --> 0:12:12.350

Dubuque, Nicole

I think we expect some people to have had similar impacts.

0:12:12.360 --> 0:12:13.670

Dubuque, Nicole

I think that's completely fun.

0:12:14.210 --> 0:12:15.20

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

OK, great.

0:12:15.90 --> 0:12:16.660

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

So yeah, my name is Hillary.

0:12:16.670 --> 0:12:21.480

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

I'm with diggers Mirth collective farm where in the Intervale mixed vegetable farm.

0:12:23.120 --> 0:12:27.20

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

Uh, complete loss with the flooding in July.

0:12:29.610 --> 0:12:37.850

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

And I guess just like a quick update, as you know, we are, we've been kind of fundraising, accessing grants.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

Umm, where possible.

0:12:40.80 --> 0:12:57.290

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

Looking to some loans for helping us out with next season and we have replanted and we are harvesting now and looking forward to sort of a muted fall season and.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

But and then just I I guess my main goal in kind of attending this meeting.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm

Are we at that part?

0:13:8.450 --> 0:13:9.390

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
I'm sorry I don't want.

0:13:10.20 --> 0:13:10.380

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
Yeah.

0:13:10.390 --> 0:13:11.130

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
OK, great.

0:13:11.520 --> 0:13:24.760

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
I think like umm, our farm has felt yes, our farm has felt so supported, you know across the board by the Community, by the state, by the intervale, you know.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
And.

0:13:29.190 --> 0:13:31.880

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
It's been amazing, especially looking at communities like.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
I mean, I'm looking at Libya right now and it's just like, I'm so grateful for, like, the stability of our community, ohm and and government, you know, so I'm we're grateful for that.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
I guess our biggest kind of ask is for testing the the the the thing that isn't helpful is we we feel like there's kind of a narrative that's been created about flooded farms being toxic and as far any kind of data that has been collected that we are aware of from other flood events, Umm tells us that the amount of dilution that's happened with the flooding, umm, that we're that that's not the case and.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
You know, we don't want to be cavalier at all.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
However, we need to be that, you know, we don't.

0:14:36.530 --> 0:14:54.530

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
I guess there's the a kind of sense of like if there's a risk to completely avoid planting and it feels as

though there's a consensus of growers and some researchers that are kind of coming on the other side of that.

0:14:55.540 --> 0:14:58.810

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
Umm, but it's not OK for us to be like.

0:14:58.820 --> 0:14:59.660

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
Well, I'm a farmer.

0:15:1.200 --> 0:15:1.760

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
So.

0:15:3.960 --> 0:15:12.760

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
It doesn't feel OK for me to be like I'm a farmer and I know so I'm gonna grow and sell you this produce.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
If I were a consumer, I would feel very doubtful of that.

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Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
However, we do have some data and the data it just is very clear that we need more testing and we need testing before flood events and we need to testing after flood events and I think extension is heading in that direction and I feel like state support for that kind of research would be great cause clearly we're gonna be dealing with this over and over again so.

0:15:47.960 --> 0:15:51.320

Hilary, Diggers' Mirth Collective Farm
Ohh I'll stop and case someone else already told you this today.

0:15:53.840 --> 0:15:55.450

Dubuque, Nicole
No, thank you very much.

0:15:55.460 --> 0:15:56.0

Dubuque, Nicole
Appreciate it.

0:15:57.990 --> 0:16:8.850

Dubuque, Nicole
Are there others on the line that are that are here as guests to to speak about their experiences and or because I know I did get some emails?

0:16:8.920 --> 0:16:11.720

Dubuque, Nicole

Are there members of the task force?

0:16:11.730 --> 0:16:14.60

Dubuque, Nicole

Who are coming with written statements?

0:16:21.990 --> 0:16:24.880

Roy Beckford

Nicole, I also know that air folks from extension here.

0:16:24.890 --> 0:16:27.340

Roy Beckford

I don't know if they wanna speak on behalf of a farmer.

0:16:27.450 --> 0:16:29.810

Roy Beckford

That is totally allowable, I believe.

0:16:31.50 --> 0:16:31.210

Dubuque, Nicole

Yeah.

0:16:37.770 --> 0:16:39.880

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Nicole, this is Amber from Vermont Farm Bureau.

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I can go next, if that's OK.

0:16:43.830 --> 0:16:44.760

Dubuque, Nicole

Yes, that would be great.

0:16:44.770 --> 0:16:45.280

Dubuque, Nicole

Thank you, amber.

0:16:46.600 --> 0:16:49.590

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I spoke with a former member last week.

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They have a riverbed field on that they normally grow corn on.

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That was flooded.

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They went in to try to remove some of the mud and silt and sand, of course that flagged NR when AR gave the farmer a call, the farmer asked, you know, where.

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Where do you want me to put this material?

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And they told the farmer pilot in the middle of the field.

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Logistically, the farmer cannot crop that field with all of that debris in the middle of the field and our came out and did a site visit the again, they presented it, put it in the middle of the field and the farmers that that's not feasible.

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We won't be able to use this land.

0:17:35.530 --> 0:17:37.180

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What's our next choice?

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And so now that farmer is actually having to remove the silt and the sand on their own dime, I'm just so that they can use this field.

0:17:47.600 --> 0:17:55.170

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So I think we need to be, you know, cautious and and looking at things that you know now this is an added expense to our farmers.

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So we really need to look at that Ave as well.

0:18:1.900 --> 0:18:2.290

Dubuque, Nicole

Thank you.

0:18:2.300 --> 0:18:3.900

Dubuque, Nicole

John, would you like to respond to that?

0:18:9.710 --> 0:18:10.710

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Uh, yes, I would.

0:18:12.430 --> 0:18:21.660

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

I you know, Travis is on here too, and both of us and our CS and FSA have programs.

0:18:22.630 --> 0:18:23.270

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Umm.

0:18:24.70 --> 0:18:28.990

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

And I was gonna wait till the end to update you all on some information about.

0:18:29.980 --> 0:18:38.130

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

FSA programs, but one of them is ECP Environmental Conservation emergency.

0:18:38.140 --> 0:18:47.180

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Sorry, conservation programs the cover the removal of debris and salt and.

0:18:49.420 --> 0:18:50.750

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

You know it's.

0:18:51.680 --> 0:19:4.710

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

I'm sort of interested, you know, this is one of the problems that may rear its ugly head is you have federal and state programs that don't quite seem to align with each other.

0:19:5.490 --> 0:19:5.900

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Umm.

0:19:6.10 --> 0:19:8.100

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

And I'm not in any way.

0:19:8.630 --> 0:19:10.860

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

This is not a criticism of a NR.

0:19:10.870 --> 0:19:18.630

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

I would not do that and and, but I just wonder if the information has been properly.

0:19:19.760 --> 0:19:20.510

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Umm.

0:19:22.150 --> 0:19:24.450

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Uh, I understood.

0:19:25.420 --> 0:19:26.290

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Umm, you know.

0:19:28.290 --> 0:19:44.990

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

We have finally in the federal order, we have a a jump team of extra help coming starting on Monday and one of the things we're focusing on is this debris removal.

0:19:46.40 --> 0:19:57.910

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Uh farmland inspection, which has has has aggravated some farmers because we haven't been able to do it because of shortage of help. Umm.

0:19:58.250 --> 0:20:3.640

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

And that's going to change on Monday and we're going to be able to do those assessments.

0:20:3.650 --> 0:20:4.750

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

So we can figure out.

0:20:6.240 --> 0:20:7.330

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Reimbursement.

0:20:7.380 --> 0:20:8.210

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

So when?

0:20:8.780 --> 0:20:8.940

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

When?

0:20:8.950 --> 0:20:16.90

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

I'm sorry I missed the name of the The lady who spoke just now, except she was from Farm Bureau.

0:20:16.820 --> 0:20:25.270

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

But you know, we do have programs that will reimburse you for debris removal.

0:20:25.280 --> 0:20:39.610

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

I would suggest that that the whoever farmer she was talking about stood go talk to the FSA or NRCS and and and Travis, you know, correct me if I'm trading on your toes.

0:20:40.190 --> 0:20:52.80

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

I'm but go talk to the local county office and and sign up and you know, I would hope that they would get reimbursed for some of this.

0:20:52.740 --> 0:21:3.620

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Umm, so I just wanted to jump in and say I believe there's a program out there that will help this farmer pay for this job.

0:21:3.820 --> 0:21:11.760

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

And yes, there are problem with silt is umm and it's very odd.

0:21:11.770 --> 0:21:21.820

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

You know, there's a sort of a a depth cut off points that if you have more salt than and again I don't know for sure what the.

0:21:24.40 --> 0:21:29.60

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Uh, that says, but if it's a, you know you've got more salt than above a certain depth.

0:21:29.70 --> 0:21:30.880

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

You have to have an environmental review.

0:21:31.920 --> 0:21:38.510

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Uh, before you can do anything and if it's below that, then it can be tilled into the surface soil.

0:21:39.570 --> 0:21:40.920

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Then you don't have to.

0:21:40.930 --> 0:21:41.360

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

But I'm.

0:21:41.410 --> 0:22:1.270

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

I'm I'm not precise enough to know the exact inches of silk we're talking about, but you know, I don't want to belabor the point so, but I I would suggest that from a go talk to their local FSA or NRCS office and see see what help they can give for her.

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Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

Give them.

0:22:4.520 --> 0:22:5.30

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Thank you all.

0:22:5.40 --> 0:22:7.890

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Definitely have the farmer look in that direction.

0:22:13.910 --> 0:22:14.390

Dubuque, Nicole

OK.

0:22:14.880 --> 0:22:18.300

Dubuque, Nicole

Do we have other guests or members of the task force?

0:22:18.310 --> 0:22:24.640

Dubuque, Nicole

Who would like to share testimonials experience from the the weather events of this growing season?

0:22:35.640 --> 0:22:35.920

Dubuque, Nicole

OK.

0:22:36.930 --> 0:22:43.351

Dubuque, Nicole

If not, I'm looking to write to see if we're on the same page, but do we want to go to?

0:22:46.230 --> 0:22:54.930

Dubuque, Nicole

Staying if any task force members have questions for the folks who have done testimonials so far, and then maybe we can move on to.

0:22:56.880 --> 0:22:57.480

Dubuque, Nicole

Other pieces.

0:22:59.100 --> 0:22:59.930

Dubuque, Nicole
And maybe updates.

0:22:59.10 --> 0:23:0.80

Roy Beckford
I think I'm on the same.

0:23:0.170 --> 0:23:1.230

Roy Beckford
I think I'm on the same page.

0:23:2.230 --> 0:23:2.460

Dubuque, Nicole
OK.

0:23:3.790 --> 0:23:7.140

Roy Beckford
If I may ask John Umm, I did.

0:23:7.150 --> 0:23:13.480

Roy Beckford
What kind of review did you note is required for silk beyond a certain depth?

0:23:14.910 --> 0:23:25.180

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT
Well, I lean as noted in the chat that the depth is 12 inches, so if you've got more than 12 inches of silt. Mm-hmm.

0:23:24.960 --> 0:23:41.190

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT
And you should ask someone to come and verify that and someone from FSA or NRCS the verify that, but if it's more than 12 you'll required it is required to have by federal law, right.

0:23:41.240 --> 0:23:55.390

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT
A environmental, umm review to see, you know, to assess environmental assessment, to make sure that the amount of silt isn't going to cause an environmental problem.

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Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT
Umm.

0:23:57.600 --> 0:24:4.10

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT
And so that's, that's what I'm talking about.

0:24:5.350 --> 0:24:5.510

Roy Beckford

Yeah.

0:24:16.640 --> 0:24:16.900

Roy Beckford

Right.

0:24:4.780 --> 0:24:17.480

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

I'm afraid I can't tell you what's involved in an environmental assessment, except that it's probably a little more prolonged than we would want.

0:24:18.280 --> 0:24:24.840

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

A farmer would want, but I don't think it should be too prolonged and it's again.

0:24:26.750 --> 0:24:32.720

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

No, I was tell me if I'm speaking wrong, but I I think that's done by NRCS.

0:24:32.730 --> 0:24:34.610

Roberts, John - FPAC-FSA, VT

They do that fairly regularly.

0:24:37.520 --> 0:24:37.800

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

Yeah.

0:24:37.810 --> 0:24:39.390

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

If I can just jump in real quick.

0:24:39.400 --> 0:25:3.400

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

So it it is a, it is a a quick environmental assessment and essentially because of the flooding side of it, you know we would just quick go quickly through the neepa requirements document what's happening, document where the sediment, the removed material will go and then we move through that process.

0:25:3.410 --> 0:25:5.990

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

So FSA sometimes does it.

0:25:6.0 --> 0:25:10.570

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

If NRCS is doing it, will you know doing part of the assessment?

0:25:10.580 --> 0:25:15.170

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

We'll do it, but I think that the, you know, short story is really talk to you.

0:25:15.180 --> 0:25:16.710

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

USD service center.

0:25:17.290 --> 0:25:19.710

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

We'll get you into the right program.

0:25:19.980 --> 0:25:21.910

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

What fits best for the situation?

0:25:21.920 --> 0:25:23.160

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

We'll walk you through the process.

0:25:25.630 --> 0:25:26.170

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

Thanks John.

0:25:27.580 --> 0:25:47.90

Roy Beckford

Travis, do you know if there is alignment between the which between the federal agencies and the agencies, state agencies with respect to where this material goes or or are both groups called out to the payment?

0:25:47.520 --> 0:25:48.470

Roy Beckford

Has that happened?

0:25:48.480 --> 0:25:53.290

Roy Beckford

Is that what might be suggested for an issue like this?

0:25:55.20 --> 0:26:26.910

Thomason, Travis - FPAC-NRCS, VT

Yeah, I do know that anytime we're doing with removal of on site material and depending on if the producer has a location to place it or if it needs to be removed off site, our environmental process review that we go through requires that we do umm consult with the applicable state agencies to make sure that we're in compliance with whatever those laws and regulations might be for sure.

0:26:30.870 --> 0:26:31.210

Roy Beckford

All right.

0:26:31.220 --> 0:26:31.590

Roy Beckford

Thank you.

0:26:38.610 --> 0:26:40.980

Roy Beckford

I think the last directive from Nicole is now in place.

0:26:42.230 --> 0:26:43.280

Roy Beckford

Can't remember what that is?

0:26:43.290 --> 0:26:43.880

Roy Beckford

We'll hear from.

0:26:45.400 --> 0:26:51.960

Roy Beckford

Umm, members of the task force if they have questions for the folks who gave testimonials.

0:26:53.50 --> 0:26:53.190

Dubuque, Nicole

Yes.

0:27:9.70 --> 0:27:9.460

Dubuque, Nicole

Correct.

0:27:9.690 --> 0:27:23.450

Dubuque, Nicole

I am not seeing hands, so I think we're going to move on to any updates from Task Force members that they have and then I'm going to pass it over to Abby after that.

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Dubuque, Nicole

Umm to start some additional conversation and I am going to stop the recording so that only intended to record the kind of the testimonial portions.

0:27:31.910 --> 0:27:33.140

Dubuque, Nicole

If that's good with everybody else.

0:27:33.150 --> 0:27:34.30

Dubuque, Nicole

So I'm gonna do that right now.