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**Vermont Milk Commission
Meeting Agenda
September 26, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Vermont Agency of Agriculture**

Milk Commission Members: Secretary Anson Tebbetts, Chair; Senator Robert Starr; Representative Richard Lawrence; Harold Howrigan, Jr., Paul Doton, Jerry Booth, Linda Berlin, Jane Clifford, and Reg Chaput

- 9:30 a.m.-** Welcome
- 9:45 a.m.-** Powers of the Milk Commission
- 10:30 a.m. -** Charge from the Legislature – Senator Starr and Representative Lawrence
- 10:45 a.m. -** Requirements of Public Meetings
- 11:00 p.m.-** Status of the Dairy Industry in Vermont
 - Data Review – Diane Bothfeld
 - Milk Prices – Bob Wellington, Agri-Mark/Cabot
 - Plant Capacity – Leon Berthiaume, St. Albans Cooperative Creamery, Inc.
 - Artisan Cheese Industry in Vermont – Tom Bivins, Executive Director, VT Cheese Council
 - Financial Picture – Sarah Isham, VEDA/VACC, USDA -FSA? and Dave Lane, Yankee Farm Credit

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. – Lunch – Commission Members and speakers only

- 1:30 p.m. -** Overview of Farm Bill programs for dairy – John Rutherford, Dairy Farmers of America
Bob Wellington and Leon Berthiaume
- 3:00 p.m.-** Public Comment
- 3:15 p.m.-** Next Date and Agenda

