

Good morning. As a dairy farmer. We face challenges everyday. You wake up carrying what you couldn't finish yesterday. These times have brought such instability in our profession. The many businesses we do business with are also feeling our daily losses. I see land once farmed being filled with houses and solar panels. As farmers we need to own our land to survive. Taxes being high. Increases in our trucking and stop charges. They just keep taking what we work for. Making less at the end of each month. The only thing you need to ask yourselves. Do you want your milk and milk products brought in from away. I try to support Maine farms. We are all in this together. Look around the farms are slowly going away through these tough times. The tier program gives us some stability. Try running a business attached to a yo-yo. Not easy to survive not knowing what you will be paid for your hard labor.

Have a blessed day.  
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