

Hello my name is Marcia Dean. Owner of Cooley Farm a 3rd generation farm in a Ripley Maine. My family is very passionate about the dairy business. We have implemented many upgrades over the past few years including Delpro (a program we can manage our cows with),new calf facility (to grow healthier calves)and several improved cropping techniques. One of the biggest concerns we have as a producer ,whose children plan to stay on the farm, is not being able to expand our milk production due to the milk markets along with low milk prices. The price of milk does not support us being able to pay our grown children a competitive wage. No matter how passionate we are about the dairy business, milk price makes it impossible to continue even a breakeven operation. Many of our input costs have also gone up suck as feed, transportation of our milk, utilities, labor , milkroom supplies equipment, as well as other expenses

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