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### Washington Dairy Interviews

You are invited to participate in a research study by Michael Briscoe under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Givens, an Assistant Professor in the department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology at Utah State University.

**The purpose of this research is understand your experience as a dairy farmer.** Specifically, we are interested in learning about how your experience has changed over time, your relationship with your cows, and your additional thoughts on some of the topics in the survey we sent earlier this year. You are being asked to participate in this research because you completed that earlier survey of Washington dairy farmers.

**Your participation in this study is voluntary** and you may withdraw your participation at any time for any reason.

**If you take part in this study, you will be asked** to answer around nine questions about your experience as a dairy farmer and your thoughts on the results of our earlier survey. We anticipate that this will take about 30 minutes, but can be as long or short as you want. You can choose to skip questions you don't want to answer.

**The possible risks of participating in this study include** loss of confidentiality. You may also experience some discomfort as we ask about potential stresses in your work as a dairy operator. We cannot guarantee that you will directly benefit from this study but it has been designed to learn more about dairy farmers' experience.

**We will make every effort to ensure that the information you provide remains confidential.** We will not reveal your identity in any publications, presentations, or reports resulting from this research study. However, it may be possible for someone to recognize the specifics you share with us.

**We will collect your information through** audio recordings of either telephone or Zoom calls. Online activities always carry a risk of a data breach, but we will use systems and processes that minimize breach opportunities. These audio recordings will be securely stored a restricted-access folder on Box.com, an encrypted, cloud-based storage system.

You can decline to participate in any part of this study for any reason and can end your participation at any time.

If you have any questions about this study, you can contact Jennifer Givens via email at [Jennifer.givens@usu.edu](mailto:Jennifer.givens@usu.edu). Thank you again for your time and consideration. If you have any concerns about this study, please contact Utah State University's Human Research Protection Office at (435) 797-0567 or [irb@usu.edu](mailto:irb@usu.edu).

**By continuing the interview you agree that you are 18 years of age or older, and wish to participate.** You agree that you understand the risks and benefits of participation, and that you know what you are being asked to do. You also agree that if you have contacted the research team with any questions about your participation, and are clear on how to stop your participation in this study if you choose to do so. Please be sure to retain a copy of this form for your records.

If you agree please state "yes" or sign the line below.

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