

Floor Amendment to SB 10-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Findings. The general court finds that many New Hampshire permitted or licensed milk  
4 producers have suffered significant financial loss as a result of diminished crops due to the drought  
5 during 2016. As a result, several permitted or licensed milk producers have ceased milk production.  
6 These farms enhance our natural landscape through their pastures, forests, and agricultural  
7 structures, from which our citizens derive great pleasure and to which so many of our tourists are  
8 attracted. Also locally-produced milk is important to the state's ability to feed itself and the farms  
9 on which milk is produced help maintain vital agricultural services in our communities.

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11 Amend RSA 184:114, II as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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13 II. To arrive at the amount to be paid to the producer, the cost of feed in paragraph I shall  
14 be multiplied by the percentage of homegrown feed loss in 2016 over either the year 2015 due to  
15 drought or the year 2014 due to drought, at the producer's discretion, and that product shall be  
16 multiplied further by the producers total milk production in hundredweight of milk produced in  
17 2016. There shall be subtracted from that amount any drought -related payments received by the  
18 producer from the federal government.