

## **Bill Bennett**

Thank you, Governor, for being here. Maine is an integral part of the Oakhurst brand of business. It says who we are, and what we value. Protecting and projecting that natural goodness of Maine is something we strive to do every day at Oakhurst, something we've tried to do for the last 90 years. It's a simple philosophy passed down from my grandfather, and it's helped our business connect with our consumers, and helped us grow in a very competitive market place.

For Oakhurst, investing in the environment is not only an integral component of our corporate social responsibility program; it's an important aspect of our business. That's why at Oakhurst we've taken many different steps to reduce our environmental impact. We've converted our commercial delivery fleet to bio-diesel fuel, we've put the US dairy industry's first hybrid delivery truck on the road, and we've invested in large solar installations, to generate our electricity and heat our water. Simply put, we never stop looking for ways to reduce waste and improve the efficiency of our operation, and shrink our carbon footprint. And in addition, we also support a wide range of community environmental efforts, such as tree planting around cities. All of this is part of an Oakhurst corporate social responsibility program we call: Living Natural Goodness. The dairy industry is vitally important to both the economy and character of Maine, and a healthy environment is part of that equation.

As they say, if it's good for the environment, it's good for business. After all, the cows that produce Oakhurst milk literally eat, drink, and breathe the Maine environment. So it's in everyone's best interest to keep Maine's environment clean, safe, and healthy. That's been our commitment at Oakhurst, as a company and a family, for 90 years, and I hope that remains a commitment of our state.

Thank you.

Remarks at "Maine People and the Environment" roundtable with Governor LePage  
January 20, 2011 at the Augusta Civic Center  
Event sponsored by the Natural Resources Council of Maine [www.nrcm.org](http://www.nrcm.org)