



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement Regarding O-AT-KA Milk Products Expansion

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O-AT-KA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc., a dairy cooperative based in Genesee County, will install a new retort beverage production line and install support equipment as part of a 20,000 square foot expansion at its production facility, located at the corner of Cedar and Ellicott in the City of Batavia.

The additional space will facilitate the addition of up to 20 new jobs; 440 jobs will be retained. The cooperative expects to have the new line up and running sometime next fall.

State Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer has issued the following statement:

"Agri-business is Genesee County's number one economic driver, and growing demand for milk products produced by our local dairy farmers will help to reinforce this important industry. Today's announcement by O-AT-KA Milk Products will further strengthen our local economy. I commend Genesee County's largest private-sector employer for continuing to create jobs for Western New York residents.

O-AT-KA's production facility ensures there is a market for milk produced by more than 400 farms in the Western, Finger Lakes and Central New York regions. The cooperative is majority owned by Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc., which is headquartered in Buffalo,

New York and also by Dairy Farmers of America, a cooperative with a strong presence in Central New York.

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