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Welch joins Vermonters to mark Irene anniversary

Rep. Welch commemorated the one-year anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene with Vermonters in Woodstock, Pittsfield, Bartonsville and Randolph. He celebrated the resilience, hard work and community spirit that continue to drive Vermont's recovery. [Read more.](#)

Welch urges end to ethanol mandate to bring relief to Vermont dairy farmers

With the worst drought in 50 years pushing food and feed prices higher and adding to the struggles of Vermont dairy farmers, Rep. Welch is urging the EPA to drop the mandate requiring the blending of ethanol in U.S. transportation fuel. The requirement results in the consumption of up to 40 percent of the U.S. corn supply. And with expected corn yields plummeting due to the drought, the ethanol mandate is further driving up corn prices for already-struggling dairy farmers. Welch is joined by a bipartisan group of nearly 160 lawmakers urging an end to the mandate. [Read more.](#)

Fighting for a Farm Bill

Rep. Welch returned to Washington this week to continue his push to get a Farm Bill through Congress before important dairy and nutrition programs expire on September 30th. A version of the bill passed the House Agriculture Committee but House leaders have refused to bring the bill to a vote. Welch is rallying a bipartisan group of lawmakers trying to force leaders to bring the Farm Bill to the House floor. [Read more.](#)

Celebrating Vermont in August

During the month of August, Rep. Welch met with Vermonters at events throughout the state to hear what is on their minds, including Rutland's Winter in August, Franklin County Field Days, the Orleans County Fair and the Vergennes Day Celebration. [See pictures from these events.](#)