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Vermont's congressional delegation has introduced a bill to extend a program that provides payments to dairy farmers to help weather fluctuating milk prices.

The delegation says that in September, farmers could face a severe drop in support from the Milk Income Loss Contract program if no action is taken.

The legislation would extend the program for one year at current levels.

Farmers now get payments when the price falls below $16.94 per hundred pounds of milk. The Farm Bill, which authorizes the program, is set to expire on Oct. 1. The delegation says during the last month, the payments to dairy farmers will drop significantly.