

## Zuckerman true friend of state agriculture

Rep. David Zuckerman has been a steadfast supporter of agriculture in Vermont. He was there for me when I started our farmstead cheese business in 2002. David helped us navigate the regulatory maze we encountered as beginning dairy farmers and was instrumental in having farmstead cheesemakers recognized as being involved in the business of farming, something the Tax Department was unwilling to do.

I know I speak for many farmers when I say that David has been a great leader in promotion and passage of bills to keep Vermont's working landscape profitable for small farmers. He is an effective advocate and legislator. In his position as chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Rep. Zuckerman has a key role to play as we redefine how we feed ourselves and how to move the Vermont agricultural economy into a new millennium. His experience as a farmer and small-business owner, his vision for agriculture in Vermont and his ability to work with politicians of any stripe make him a true asset in the Vermont Legislature.

As Rep. Zuckerman faces a challenging political race this fall, voters would do well to remember that Rep. Zuckerman is uniquely positioned to accomplish important work for Vermonters. His position of seniority in the Legislature and his commitment to the Vermont agricultural community and Vermont's working landscape will be hard to replace. I urge the voters of Chittenden 3-4: Re-elect Dave Zuckerman in November.

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