

Ellsworth tours the Ohio River barge system

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Indiana Eighth District Congressman Brad Ellsworth took a three-hour trip on a Ohio River barge tour Monday.

The tour was given to show farmers an alternative way of transporting crops, especially with the high cost of fuel.

Ellsworth said the odds are building for farmers to be successful.

"With all the challenges today, fuel prices, transportation and international trade, all the things that are going on that effect you and the job you're doing and your kids and grand kids as they continue to farm," Ellsworth said. "Every decision you make is going to be important.

Collin Peterson, Agriculture Committee Chairman, said the river has always been important to farmers in many ways.

"The river system, the barge system, is hugely important to American agriculture, and I think all of you understand that," Peterson said.

The event was sponsored by the Indiana Corn Marketing Council, Waterways Council Incorporated and Illinois Corn.

