

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** agriculture is the backbone of West Virginia's economy, generating \$948 million in annual revenue and directly employing nearly 40,000 farmers and agribusiness owners, providing food, fiber, and fuel for our communities; and
- Whereas,** the hardworking farmers and agribusinesses of West Virginia contribute significantly to the prosperity and well-being of our state, ensuring a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply for all citizens; and
- Whereas,** agriculture plays a vital role in land stewardship, conservation, and sustainability of 3.5 million acres of West Virginia farmland, preserving the natural resources of our state for future generations; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's diverse agricultural products, including livestock, poultry, dairy, produce, and timber, sold at more than 300 farmers markets and farm stands across West Virginia, and in some cases, shipped across the country and around the globe, contribute to local, national, and world markets, strengthening our rural communities and economy; and
- Whereas,** National Agriculture Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of farmers and agricultural professionals, many of whom have more than one job off the farm to keep their agriculture endeavors alive, work tirelessly to provide for our state and nation; and
- Whereas,** it is fitting that all West Virginians acknowledge the importance of agriculture in their daily lives, from the food they eat to the clothes they wear, and express appreciation for those who dedicate their lives to this essential industry.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 18, 2025*, as:

National Agriculture Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State