## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's agricultural industry is a vital part of the state culture and economy, contributing over \$116 billion, with roughly one in 10 employed Wisconsinites holding a job related to agriculture; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is widely known as America's Dairyland, with more dairy farms than any other state and producing more than 600 flavors, styles, and varieties of cheese, which is nearly double the amount of any other state; and

WHEREAS; the diversity of Wisconsin's agriculture is one of the state's major strengths, leading the nation in several other sectors of the agricultural industry, from milk goats and snap bean processing to cranberries, ginseng, mink pelts, dry whey for humans, corn for silage, and more; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) works to bolster the state's agricultural industry by partnering with Wisconsin farmers, producers, and processors to grow the economy by promoting quality food, healthy plants and animals, sound use of land and water resources, and a fair marketplace both domestically and abroad—efforts that are more important than ever to supporting farmer's well-being as communities continue to navigate and prepare for the impacts of tumultuous trade wars across all levels of industry; and

WHEREAS; DATCP also works to support and engage Wisconsin's youth in agriculture through various programs such as the Meat Talent Development Program, Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council, Wisconsin Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council, and more; and

WHEREAS; this year, producers, agribusinesses, and agriculture stakeholders celebrate National Ag Day with the theme "Together We Grow," underscoring the importance of supporting the future of agriculture and amplifying 2025 as the Year of the Kid in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins DATCP, in partnership with dedicated producers, agribusinesses, and organizations across the state in celebrating National Ag Day, reaffirming the state's commitment to supporting Wisconsin's farmers and their families, and recognizing the important role that the agricultural industry plays in ensuring the state's economic, environmental, and cultural prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2025, as

## **NATIONAL AG DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17th day of March 2025.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI