

WHEREAS; as stewards of more than 14.2 million acres of farmland, Wisconsin farmers work to till, plow, plant, water, harvest, and cultivate these acres each year under unpredictable circumstances to provide nutritious food that maintains supply chains and feeds families, communities, and people all over the state and world; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Wisconsin is home to more than 64,000 farms, making Wisconsin the top American producer of a diverse array of goods, including snap beans for processing, cheese, cranberries, ginseng, mink pelts, dry whey for humans, milk goats, and corn for silage; and

WHEREAS; agriculture contributes \$104.8 billion each year to Wisconsin’s economy, and farmers, ranchers, and growers generate hundreds of thousands of jobs statewide, providing a wide variety of agricultural career opportunities for Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the immeasurable value that each farm, ranch, aquaculture, and forestry operation contributes to the state and that farming is a lifetime commitment and a way of life; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to advance and support several initiatives to encourage the growth and success of Wisconsin’s livestock, meat processing, and dairy processing industries, invest in rural entrepreneurs and small businesses, enact legislation to increase the value of Wisconsin’s milk and dairy, meat, crop, and other product exports, and increase access to farmer mental health supports and defend the state’s vital natural resources, which farmers depend on to support their livelihood; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins DATCP, along with all Wisconsinites, in recognizing dedicated farmers throughout the state for the sacrifices and contributions they make every day to provide the state, nation, and world with the food, fiber, and fuel needed to survive and thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 12 2023 as

NATIONAL FARMER’S 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 6th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State