

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to more than 64,000 farms, where agricultural producers work tirelessly to produce an abundance of high-quality grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, livestock, and more, contributing \$104.8 billion annually to the state economy and consistently and proudly placing our state among the world's top agricultural exporters; and

WHEREAS; even during times of economic instability, increasingly difficult and unpredictable weather, and worldwide events that underscore the clear importance of a safe and dependable food supply, Wisconsin's farmers and agribusinesses have never stopped working to feed their communities, our state, our nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS; farm workers face a higher risk of workplace fatality than workers in many other industries—with the agricultural sector in the United States reporting approximately 500 workplace fatalities among workers in 2020 alone—and fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year; and

WHEREAS; adults and youth who work on farms often also face unique occupational health problems and high levels of stress that can lead to short or long-term physical and mental health conditions, disability, and diseases, all of which require specialized medical knowledge and attention from health professionals who live and work in rural settings and among members of the farming community; and

WHEREAS; farms can be made safer through agricultural leadership and workplace safety education for farmers, agricultural workers, and family members, along with a commitment by farm operators to identify and eliminate hazards, the improved design of farm machinery, the use of personal protective equipment, and the engagement of those in our farming communities who provide support, technical services, healthcare, and supplies; and


WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the University of Wisconsin–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, along with its many partners including the National Farm Medicine Center and AgrAbility of Wisconsin, in reminding all Wisconsinites of the vital importance of the safety and health of the farmers and all agricultural workers who serve our state and our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 18 – 24, 2022, as

WISCONSIN FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

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 9th day of
September 2022.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

