

WHEREAS; as stewards of more than 14.2 million acres of land, Wisconsin farmers work to till, plow, plant, water, harvest, and cultivate these acres each year under unpredictable circumstances in order 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; Wisconsin's dairy industry contributes \$45.6 billion to the state economy every year, and the state's hardworking dairy farmers are the cornerstone that sustains Wisconsin as "America's Dairyland"; and

WHEREAS; agriculture contributes \$104.8 billion each year to Wisconsin's economy, and farmers, ranchers, and growers generate 154,000 jobs statewide, providing a wide variety of agricultural career opportunities for Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the historical and family values each farm, ranch, aquaculture, and forestry operation contributes to rural communities, and that farming is a lifetime commitment as well as a way of life; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to advance and support several initiatives that encourage the long-term success of farmers, farm families, rural communities, and the agriculture industry in Wisconsin, including the Wisconsin Farm Support Program, investments to encourage the growth and success of Wisconsin's livestock, meat processing, and dairy processing industries, investments in rural entrepreneurs and small businesses, legislation to increase the value of Wisconsin's milk and dairy, meat, crop, and other product exports, and policy to 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 2022 as

WISCONSIN FARMERS 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 7th day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State