

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1016

By: DeWitt

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing Agriculture in the State of Oklahoma; designating Agriculture Day at the State Capitol; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry in Oklahoma is a vital part of Oklahoma's economy and employs thousands of Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, the market value of agricultural exports from Oklahoma in 2001 was approximately Five Hundred Thirty-nine Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$539,700,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the largest export of agricultural products from Oklahoma are hay, alfalfa, wheat and cattle; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks second in the nation in winter wheat production and fifth in the production of cattle; and

WHEREAS, the number of farms in Oklahoma has fluctuated between eighty thousand to eighty-four thousand with a total number in acres of farmland in Oklahoma estimated to be thirty-two million two-hundred eighteen thousand (32,218,000) acres; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry has evolved in Oklahoma with poultry and swine as our second and third largest agricultural industries, surpassed only by wheat, and Oklahoma is now one of the top states in their production; and

WHEREAS, as further evidence of the robust nature of the agriculture industry in Oklahoma vineyards and organic specialty crops are now viable business alternatives to traditional crops; and

WHEREAS, the future of agriculture requires a new vision as we face evolving technologies and demands; and

WHEREAS, the role agriculture plays is ever changing in the areas of production and environmental demands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends its sincere appreciation to Oklahoma's agriculture industry for their efforts.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims March 30, 2005 as "Agriculture Day" at the State Capitol.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach.

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