

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1036

By: Richardson of the House

and

Fields of the Senate

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9                                   AS INTRODUCED

10                   A Concurrent Resolution relating to agriculture;  
11 extending appreciation to the agriculture industry of  
12 Oklahoma for its efforts and contributions to this  
13 state; proclaiming April 5, 2012, as Agriculture Day  
14 at the State Capitol; and providing for distribution.

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

18                   WHEREAS, the total contributions from agriculture in Oklahoma  
19 were approximately Thirty-six Billion Five Hundred Million Dollars  
20 (\$36,500,000,000.00) in 2010; and

21                   WHEREAS, the total employment from these contributions was  
22 188,294 jobs in 2010; and

1       WHEREAS, there are approximately 86,600 farms in Oklahoma, with  
2 89% of these being family farms with a total amount of farmland  
3 estimated to be over 35 million acres; and

4       WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks in the top ten nationally for sales of  
5 cattle, swine, and horses, and sales of poultry and eggs; and

6       WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks in the top five nationally for the  
7 number of acres of wheat, sorghum, and hay; and

8       WHEREAS, the diversity of the agriculture industry in Oklahoma  
9 is evident as grapes and organic specialty crops have become viable  
10 economic alternatives to traditional crops; and

11       WHEREAS, the additional contributions of agriculture include the  
12 conservation of natural resources, the enhanced quality of life for  
13 all Oklahomans and the providing of a safe and reliable food source;  
14 and

15       WHEREAS, the future of the agriculture industry requires a  
16 dynamic vision as it faces rapidly evolving technologies and  
17 shifting consumer demands; and

18       WHEREAS, the role of the agriculture industry is ever increasing  
19 in the areas of production capacity and environmental protection.

20       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
21 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:

1        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Senate extend  
2 their sincere appreciation to Oklahoma's agriculture industry for  
3 its efforts and contributions to this state.

4        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Senate hereby  
5 proclaim April 5, 2012, as "Agriculture Day" at the State Capitol.

6        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of  
7 the State of Oklahoma and the State Board of Agriculture.

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9 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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