

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 35

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution declaring April 16, 2024, as Oklahoma
9 Agriculture Day; recognizing and celebrating
10 agriculture's impact on our state's heritage and
11 economy; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, agriculture is one of Oklahoma's leading industries and
14 its associated production, processing, and marketing segments
15 together provide close to 200,000 jobs and contribute more than \$28
16 billion to our state's economy; and

17 WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks fourth nationally with more than 70,000
18 farms and ranches, utilizing 33 million acres of Oklahoma's rich
19 land to provide food, fiber, and other basic necessities of life to
20 not only Oklahomans, but the nation and world; and

21 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is known as the nation's premiere spot for
22 wheat production and research, ranking sixth for winter wheat
23 bushels harvested annually and ninth for total bushels harvested;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is also America's second leading provider of
2 beef cattle with nearly two million head and has the third most
3 cattle operations at more than 52,000, featuring over 4.5 million
4 beef and dairy cattle; and

5 WHEREAS, Oklahoma also ranks as the fourth top provider of rye
6 nationally and is one of the highest producers of soy beans, cotton,
7 poultry, and pork in the U.S.; and

8 WHEREAS, agriculture provides a major source of employment for
9 Oklahoma's workforce, with one in 50 jobs supported by the pork
10 industry and another 30,000 people employed by the poultry industry
11 as just two examples of the vast reach and importance of agriculture
12 in our state; and

13 WHEREAS, agriculture's success is vital to maintaining the
14 strength of Oklahoma's economy, the standard of living for our
15 citizens, and our presence in the world trade market; and

16 WHEREAS, it is important that all Oklahomans understand the role
17 that agriculture plays in their daily lives and well-being, whether
18 they live in urban or rural areas.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
20 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares April 16, 2024, as
22 Oklahoma Agriculture Day at the Capitol.

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and celebrates
24 agriculture's impact on our state's heritage and economy.

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THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma
Secretary and Commissioner of Agriculture Blayne Arthur.

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