

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY

Whereas, Delaware farm families are pillars of our state, demonstrating innovation and dedication in the face of a changing climate, evolving technologies and stalled markets, their contributions extend beyond the fields, enriching our communities and economy providing food, fiber, and stewardship of our land; and

Whereas, the State of Delaware is proud of our agriculture heritage, celebrating the range of fresh and nutrient-rich produce harvested April-December, with our top product, chicken and other animal proteins, grown year-round; and

Whereas, building capacity across the food supply chain strengthens our food system and is essential to increase market outlets for farmers and improve food access in urban and rural communities across the state; and

Whereas, a critical part of the small business economy, Delaware recognizes farmers and supporting sectors like butchers, processors, canneries, aggregators, haulers, food pantries, CBOs, food retailers, schools, senior centers, community centers, and others that makeup the food supply chain and source locally; and

Whereas, Feeding America reports that 1 in 8 adults faces hunger and Delaware Health & Social Services reports that 1 in 10 adults report having diabetes, agriculture and improved food and nutrition access remains one of our key tools to address these challenges; and

Whereas, the continued success of Delaware's agriculture sector depends on supporting future generations of farmers through effective land use practices, and access to resources and markets; and

Whereas, National Farmer's Day is officially observed on October 12th each year to recognize and uplift the vital role of farmers across our state.

Now, Therefore, I, Matthew Meyer, Governor, do hereby recognize October 12, 2025, as NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY

> Matthew Meyer Governor