

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF DELAWARE AGRICULTURE WEEK

Whereas, Agriculture is Delaware's number one industry, providing more than 20,000 jobs and 8 billion dollars of economic activity, including 1.5 billion dollars in direct sales from 2,300 family farms; and

Whereas, Delaware farmers produce a variety of agricultural products on 525,325 acres of farmland, including corn, soybeans, wheat, poultry, and fruits and vegetables; and

Whereas, agriculture as Delaware's number one land use, with over 40 percent of our land in farming, and Delaware farmers are first in the nation in the value of agricultural products produced per acre; and

Whereas, Delaware has preserved 134,000 acres – one quarter of Delaware's landmass – through the outstanding farmland preservation program that is extremely important in order to keep Delaware land in agriculture; and

Whereas, this year marks the 15th Annual Delaware Agriculture Week, which is held each January and includes important educational sessions that cover all of the agricultural operations in Delaware and provide critical updates, research, and training.

**Now, Therefore, We, John C. Carney, Governor,
and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,**
do hereby declare January 13th –16th, 2020, as

DELAWARE AGRICULTURE WEEK

in the State of Delaware, and encourage all Delawareans to celebrate the important role of agriculture in our State.



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Governor

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