

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

THANK A FARMER DAY

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the holiday season is a time to be thankful for America's abundant supply of safe, wholesome and affordable food, and

WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers produce the food that nourishes our bodies and serves as the centerpiece for family gatherings and holiday celebrations, and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of the American population works in food production and the average American farmer now feeds 144 people, and

WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers not only provide the food we eat but also help sustain rural communities, preserve open space and wildlife habitat, and protect the environment, and

WHEREAS, farming and ranching play a vital role in the economy of our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 20, 2009 as "THANK A FARMER DAY" in the State of North Carolina and I urge all citizens to join me in thanking the men and women who provide us with safe and abundant food.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.