

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 8

By: Kidd

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution declaring April 11, 2023, as Oklahoma Agriculture Day; recognizing and celebrating agriculture's impact on our state's heritage and economy; and directing distribution.

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

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks fourth nationally with more than 77,200 farms and ranches, utilizing more than 34 million acres of Oklahoma's rich land to provide food, fiber, and other basic necessities of life to not only Oklahomans, but the nation and world; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is known as the nation's premiere spot for wheat production and research, ranking second for winter wheat bushels harvested annually and third for the total bushels harvested; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Oklahoma also ranks as the top provider of rye
6 nationally and is one of the highest producers of soybeans, 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 1ST SESSION
20 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares April 11, 2023, 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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