

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Each Arkansas Farmer provides life-giving food for 155 persons in the United States and abroad, and the fiber to keep them warm and comfortable; and

WHEREAS: Almost 22 percent of all Arkansans support their families on incomes from jobs in agriculture, forestry, and related enterprises; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas agriculture contributes \$20.1 billion to the state's economy annually; and

WHEREAS: It is important that our Arkansas families who operate farms be as efficient and innovative as possible in order to succeed and to be an example for others; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Farm Family Program is celebrating its 70th anniversary for recognizing outstanding farm families and promoting the recognition of Arkansas agriculture; and

WHEREAS: Seventy-five farm families have been selected this year as Farm Family of the Year in their respective counties as has happened in years past; and

WHEREAS: One of these families will be chosen as Farm Family of the Year in Arkansas in 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim December 3rd through December 9th, 2017 as

FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of October, in the year of our Lord 2017.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State