

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry, contributing more than \$21 billion to the state's economy annually; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture provides more than 268,000 jobs or one out of six jobs in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Jobs in agriculture, forestry, and related enterprises contribute more than 16.4 percent of the state's total labor income; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks in the top 25 states in the production of more than 16 agricultural commodities; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas consistently ranks in the top one-third of the nation for agricultural receipts; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has 42,200 farms, and 96 percent are family-owned; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas agricultural industry's achievements would not be possible without the dedicated, efficient, and innovative Arkansas farm families who work tirelessly to provide food, fiber, and shelter here at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Farm Family Program is celebrating its 74th anniversary of recognizing outstanding farm families and promoting Arkansas agriculture; and

WHEREAS: Seventy farm families have been selected this year as Farm Family of the Year in their respective counties; and

WHEREAS: Eight farm families have been selected as District Farm Family of the Year; and

WHEREAS: One of these families will be chosen as Farm Family of the Year in Arkansas in 2021; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year will represent the State of Arkansas at the Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year competition; and


WHEREAS: The Arkansas Farm Family Program is sponsored by the Arkansas Farm Bureau, Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas, Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas, Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas Press Association, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, and USDA's Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rural Development;

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 the week of December 5th through December 11th, 2021, as

ARKANSAS 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 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2021.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary of State