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Governor Hutchinson Declares March 10-16 Arkansas Agriculture Week

LITTLE ROCK, AR. – During a ceremony today at the State Capitol, Governor Asa Hutchinson joined nearly 150 farmers, agriculture leaders, and industry partners in declaring March 10-16 as Arkansas Agriculture Week. The Arkansas Agriculture Week proclamation event, held in conjunction with Arkansas Farm Bureau’s Farmers’ Day at the State Capitol, highlighted the state’s largest industry that contributes more than $21 billion annually to the state’s economy. Find the full Arkansas Agriculture Week proclamation, here.

“Farmers produce the food we enjoy in the comfort of homes and restaurants that are built from the timber they raise. With the cotton and leather they produce, we create our clothing, our coats, our quilts and linens,” said Governor Hutchinson. “I am proud to proclaim this week as Arkansas Agriculture Week in honor of the farmers and ranchers who touch and improve every aspect of life as they sustain agriculture as our No. 1 industry.”

Agriculture provides one in every six jobs in Arkansas. The state consistently ranks in the top 25 nationally in the production of 15 different agricultural commodities, and ranks in the top one-third of the nation for agricultural cash receipts. Arkansas is home to over 43,000 farms on 13.7 million acres. Approximately 19.2 million acres, 57% of the state’s total land, is forestland.

“Our farm families our dedicated to helping feed, clothe, and shelter those here in Arkansas and across the globe,” said Arkansas Agriculture Secretary Wes Ward. “We are honored to have Governor Hutchinson proclaim March 10-16 as Arkansas Agriculture Week as a celebration of their daily efforts and to recognize ag industry professionals for their work to drive growth in our state’s largest industry.”

The Arkansas Agriculture Department is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. Visit www.agriculture.arkansas.gov.

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