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### **Governor Hutchinson Declares November 21-27 as Arkansas Turkey Week**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – During a ceremony today at the State Capitol, Governor Hutchinson joined agriculture leaders, industry partners, and 4-H and FFA representatives in declaring November 21 to 27 as Turkey Week in Arkansas. The Turkey Week proclamation highlights the state’s turkey industry and its value to Arkansas’s economy and agriculture industry. The full proclamation can be found, <https://bit.ly/3r2Wjhb>.

“The poultry industry is one of Arkansas’s many great success stories. We put turkeys on tables all over the United States. Our ranking as the second-largest producer of turkeys is testimony to the hard work of our farmers. Young people such as Jackson Barber and Jackson Moore, who raised the turkeys for this year’s reading of the proclamation, ensure that this segment of our agricultural industry will continue to thrive,” said Governor Hutchinson.

Each year, agriculture contributes more the \$21 billion in economic value to the state.

“The poultry industry, which includes turkey, chicken, and eggs, is an important part of Arkansas’s diverse agricultural landscape, representing more than 46 percent of our state’s total agricultural cash receipts,” said Agriculture Secretary Wes Ward. “We are thankful for the farmers who provide this protein throughout the entire year.”

Holly Duval, director of marketing and business development with The Poultry Federation, added that Thanksgiving week is the perfect time to recognize everyone involved in making Arkansas the second largest producer of turkeys in the nation. “Thank you to our dedicated farmers, who raise 31 million turkeys per year, and industry leaders, like Cargill and Butterball, for their impact on our state,” she said. Learn more about the Arkansas turkey industry and its economic impact, [thepoultryfederation.com/resources/facts-figures](http://thepoultryfederation.com/resources/facts-figures).

The proclamation featured two live turkeys, a Spanish Black owned by Jackson Barber of Austin and a Holland White owned by Jackson Moore of Waldron.

Photographs from this event can be found, [flickr.com/photos/arkansasag/albums/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/arkansasag/albums/).

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