

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 23, 2021, as National Agriculture Day.

2 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to 74,800 farms that span nearly 13 million acres of
3 land, which represents approximately 51 percent of Kentucky's 25.4 million acres; and

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky agriculture is dominated by small family farms, as over 57
5 percent of farms in the Commonwealth have annual sales of less than \$10,000, and the
6 average farm size in Kentucky is 170 acres, which is significantly smaller than the
7 national average of 435 acres; and

8 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to a wide variety of agriculture production,
9 including soybeans, corn, horses, poultry, beef cattle, dairy cattle, wheat, swine, tobacco,
10 and a great deal more; and

11 WHEREAS, the impact of agriculture on Kentucky's economy is immense, as total
12 cash receipts for the Commonwealth's commodities are nearly \$6 billion, and the total
13 economic impact of agriculture production, processing, and other agriculture-related
14 operations is an estimated \$46 billion; and

15 WHEREAS, National Agriculture Day, first celebrated in 1973, is a day set aside
16 when producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government
17 agencies, and countless others across this nation gather to recognize and celebrate the
18 abundance of food and fiber produced by American agriculture; and

19 WHEREAS, National Agriculture Day is an opportunity to encourage Americans to
20 understand how food, fuel, fiber, and pharmaceuticals are produced, to appreciate the
21 function of farmers and ranchers in producing such products, to acknowledge the
22 essential role of agriculture in maintaining a vibrant economy, and to allow the next
23 generation to consider career opportunities in agriculture;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
26 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize March 23,

1 2021, as "National Agriculture Day" and encourages all Kentuckians to commemorate
2 and celebrate the invaluable contributions made by farmers and all others involved in the
3 agriculture industry.

4 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
5 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed.