



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Agriculture is the backbone of Minnesota, with 81,000 farms and ranches representing 26.9 million acres of agricultural land, over half of the state's land area; and
- WHEREAS: American farmers and ranchers, national symbols of strength and character, display ingenuity in times of prosperity and perseverance in the face of hardships while supplying our state, nation and world with an abundance of high quality agricultural goods and products; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's farm families are stewards of the land, contributing to the health, beauty, productivity and quality of our state's water, soil and forest resources for the benefit of all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's mission is to enhance Minnesotans' quality of life by ensuring the integrity of our food supply, the health of our environment, and the strength of our agricultural economy; and
- WHEREAS: Agriculture is essential to the state's health, recreation and economy, generating more than 13.3 billion in farm income and more than 4.3 billion in agricultural exports annually; and
- WHEREAS: 2011 marks the 38th anniversary of National Agriculture Week, an effort to raise awareness of the positive contributions agriculture makes in providing necessary food and fiber of everyday life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby March 13-19, 2011 as:

MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE WEEK

and urge all our citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22nd day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE