

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, agriculture and agribusiness are key industries in North Carolina, providing \$87 billion in revenue, of which \$15.8 billion comes directly from farm production; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is a top producer of poultry and eggs, sweet potatoes, tobacco, pork, trout, turkeys, and Christmas trees; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals engaged in production agriculture face significant risks in their everyday lives and labors to provide food, fiber, biofuels, and other necessities for millions of people; and

**WHEREAS**, farm work often involves hazardous exposures to machinery, chemicals, livestock, and workplace environments that can have significant impacts on the health and safety of individuals engaged in production agriculture; and

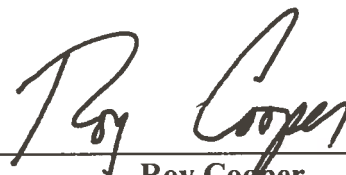
**WHEREAS**, some factors can increase the risk of injury in production agriculture, including inexperience, reduced or restricted physical capability, and limitation in literacy or language proficiency, which may inhibit a person's understanding of health and safety warnings; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina Agromedicine Institute, and North Carolina Cooperative Extension – together with other public and private partners, including farms across the state – work collaboratively to promote on-farm health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes all individuals in our state who are engaged in production agriculture and commends them for their ongoing services and commitment to safety and health;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16 – 22, 2018, as “**NORTH CAROLINA FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.