



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**SMALL FARMS WEEK**

**AND**

**SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's small farms are the backbone of our state's rich agricultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout our history, small farms have survived economic and technological changes to provide a rigorous but rewarding way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, in the agricultural sector, livestock, dairy, and poultry contribute approximately 68 percent of North Carolina's agricultural income, while crops generate approximately 32 percent (as of 2017); and

**WHEREAS**, in terms of revenue generated, North Carolina's top five agricultural products are hogs, broilers (chickens), greenhouse and nursery products, tobacco, and turkeys; and

**WHEREAS**, despite changes in American agriculture, small farmers continue their role as leaders of North Carolina's agricultural tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Extension at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in cooperation with North Carolina State University, the United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and select county agencies, has helped lead the effort to provide assistance to the small farmers of North Carolina, and to recognize and celebrate their many contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to support efforts that help small farms grow and prosper in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 24 – 30, 2019, as "**SMALL FARMS WEEK**" and March 27, 2019, as "**SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend observance to all citizens.



  
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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 March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.