



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SMALL FARMS WEEK

AND

SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY

2020

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 2018); 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 22 – 28, 2020, as "**SMALL FARMS WEEK**" and March 25, 2020, as "**SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY**" 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 ninth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.