

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

BEEF MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the most current North Carolina Agricultural Statistics published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, more than 720,000 cattle in North Carolina provide a variety of food, leather, and other products for the residents of this state and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2025 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina farmers raise cattle in all 100 counties; and

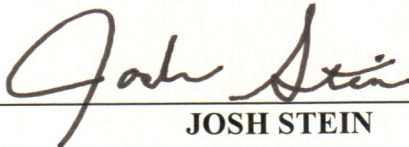
WHEREAS, because of cooperation between beef producers and the NC Cattlemen's Association, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, NC State University, NC A&T State University, and allied industry, thousands of farms are flourishing across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2025 NC Agricultural Statistics Book, beef and beef products are naturally nutrient rich, providing Americans with a high-quality source of protein, zinc, iron, and B vitamins, leading nine out of ten households to serve beef at least once every two weeks; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2025 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book, cattle farms generate more than \$481 million in cash receipts each year, making the beef industry yet another strong part of the diversification of agriculture in this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as "**BEEF MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.





JOSH STEIN

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 twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.