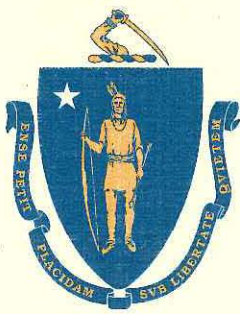


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, Massachusetts agriculture contributes to our local, state and national economies, assisting to both improve the standard of living for our citizens and their quality of life in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, The more than 7,800 farms across Massachusetts provide employment to over 28,000 workers, as stewards protect more than 523,000 acres of open space and generate over \$492 million dollars annually for the Massachusetts economy; and

Whereas, Renowned for its diversity, Massachusetts agriculture includes cranberries, dairy, nursery stock, horticulture products, a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, maple, honey and livestock; and

Whereas, In recognition that investments in nutrition and greater access to locally grown products are key to improved health, Massachusetts farmers look to the future and are poised to continue empowering students and children through education about healthy eating behavioral practices, agriculture, food, and environmental science; and

Whereas, Across the Commonwealth, agricultural enterprises have recognized energy as an important component of agricultural sustainability as well as an opportunity to address concern for our environment, implementing a wide variety of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; and

Whereas, All the citizens of the Commonwealth should acknowledge and recognize the contributions of our farm economy, consistently meeting the needs and demands of consumers, while providing a wide variety of fresh, locally grown, environmentally safe, nutritiously beneficial high-quality foods and agricultural products,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to be,

## MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL DAY

*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this nineteenth day of March, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts