

Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY March 20, 2008

WHEREAS, agriculture is one of Colorado's largest economic sectors, producing billions of dollars in cash farm receipts annually; and

WHEREAS, agriculture provides more than 105,000 jobs in Colorado, contributes more than \$16 billion to the state's economy, and exports more than \$1 billion worth of products annually; and

WHEREAS, land in farms and ranches provides habitat for wildlife and open space, and innovative and sustainable farming practices ensure that our state's resources will remain protected for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers are critical to Colorado's agritourism, embracing tourists from around the world and giving them a taste of the Colorado experience; and

WHEREAS, the development of our state's wind, solar, biofuel, and other renewable resources will rely greatly on the Colorado agricultural industry; and

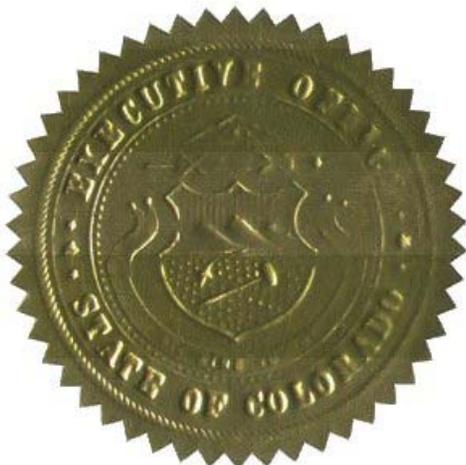
WHEREAS, Colorado's agriculturists employ sound animal husbandry practices, which ensure livestock remain healthy, productive, and content; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado offers its sincerest appreciation for the farmers and ranchers, and the innovative entrepreneurs and business leaders who remain resilient in their dedication to contributing to agriculture in Colorado;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2008,

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this nineteenth day of March, 2008

Bill Ritter Jr.

*Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor*