

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas farmers harvested an estimated 3.15 million acres of soybeans in 2022, producing 163.8 million bushels valued at \$2.36 billion;

WHEREAS: The United States Department of Agriculture estimates Arkansas farmers will harvest 2.95 million acres of soybeans in 2023 with an estimated yield of 53 bushels per acre and a total production of 156,350,000 bushels;

WHEREAS: Soybeans are Arkansas' largest row crop accounting for more acres than corn, cotton, peanuts, rice, and wheat combined;

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks as 10th in the nation for soybean production;

WHEREAS: Soybeans generated the highest export value among agricultural commodities for Arkansas in 2021, bringing in \$911 million;

WHEREAS: Soybeans are among Arkansas' most valuable crops and are important to the economy and the people of our state; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas encourages its citizens to experience soybean agriculture through conversation, a meal, or time with a soybean producer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as

"ARKANSAS SOYBEAN MONTH"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2023.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State