

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry and contributes over \$20.9 billion to our state's economy each year;

WHEREAS: In 2023, corn was the largest agricultural commodity in terms of production in the United States, totaling more than 15.3 billion bushels on 86.5 million acres.

WHEREAS: Corn is one of the most widely consumed cereal grains worldwide and is used extensively for fuel and animal feed;

WHEREAS: Over 152 million bushels of corn were produced in Arkansas on 830,000 acres and the value of corn produced in Arkansas reached nearly \$790 million in 2023; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks 16th nationally in corn production, with Arkansas, Lee, and Phillips counties being the top three producing counties;

WHEREAS: Corn is featured in several events throughout the state, including the Dumas Chamber of Commerce Corn Supper, the Cornbread Festival in Little Rock, and corn mazes throughout the fall months.

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 July 2024 as

"CORN MONTH IN ARKANSAS"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

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John Thurston, Secretary of State