

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry and contributes over \$24.3 billion to our state's economy each year;

WHEREAS: Hog production consistently ranks among Arkansas' top 15 agricultural commodities in value of production, valued at \$73.3 million in cash receipts annually;

WHEREAS: According to latest USDA data, Arkansas has 1,053 farms that produce pork with 752 farms reporting sales;

WHEREAS: In 2023 Arkansas pork producers produced more than 105 million pounds of pork valued at \$59 million dollars;

WHEREAS: Pork is a good source of protein and other nutrients for children and adults, including thiamin, selenium, and zinc;

WHEREAS: Arkansas pork producers produce a safe, wholesome product for the consuming public; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas pork producers protect and promote animal well-being while safeguarding natural resources in their practices.

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 October 2024 as

"PORK 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 3rd day of October, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Sarah Sanders

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

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John Thurston, Secretary of State