



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Our state has a long and storied agricultural past, and today, Texas agriculture has an economic impact of more than \$100 billion on our state's economy. In fact, agriculture is the second-largest resource-based industry in Texas, producing about 9 percent of the state's gross product.

Agriculture employs one out of seven working Texans, and our farmers and ranchers play a critical role in supplying the world with food, fiber and fuel. The Lone Star State leads the nation in cattle, cotton, sheep and wool production, goats and mohair production, hay production and the number of farms and ranches — roughly 130 million of Texas' nearly 170 million acres are utilized for agriculture.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the impact that Texas agriculture has on our daily lives and our economy. With thankfulness, let us also celebrate the hard-working men and women that grow our food, produce our fiber and continue the proud Texas farming and ranching tradition.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2016, to be

## **Ag Day**

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



  
Governor of Texas