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National Agriculture Day Resolution

In support of Marshall County Agriculture

On National Ag Day, Marshall County recognizes the significant impact agriculture plays within our county, state and country. Agriculture is Illinois' number one industry and employs citizens across this state. From farm fields to urban farms, and to the manufacturing of food and fiber, agriculture is essential to the daily lives of American citizens.

WHEREAS, Illinois accounts for 70,700 farms, which equates to 26,300,000 acres.

WHEREAS, 96% of farms are family owned within Illinois.

WHEREAS, agriculture contributes a total of \$543.1 billion in agricultural products.

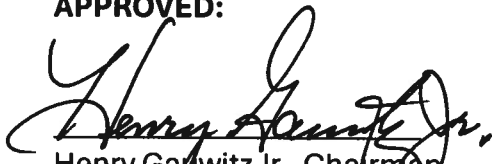
WHEREAS, the total value of crops in 2022 was \$281 billion, up 45% from 2017. For livestock, the value was \$262 billion, up 35%.

WHEREAS, the American farmer represents one of the oldest professions in our country. The farmer has evolved to embrace new technologies that protect our soil, water, and air.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Marshall County Board recognizes March 19, 2024, as National Agriculture Day. This board calls on our citizens to recognize and celebrate the contributions farmers and farm families have made to better the lives of our citizens.

ADOPTED by the Marshall County Board this 14th day of March 2024.

APPROVED:


Henry Garwitz Jr., Chairman
Marshall County Board

ATTEST:


Jill M. Kenyon, County Clerk
Marshall County

*All information within the resolution is sourced from the United States Department of Agriculture 2022 Census of Agriculture.

* 2023 State Agriculture Overview, USDA/NASS