



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week was first observed in 1955 as a way to foster stronger relationships among farmers and their urban and suburban neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has continually celebrated Farm-City the week before Thanksgiving for 69 years; and

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week is a time to express gratitude for the bounty of the land as well as the people who've made America's food and fiber system the envy of the world; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is home to 37,362 farms, of which 95% are family farms or partnerships, and

WHEREAS, the annual economic contribution of Alabama's food, fiber, forestry and green industries is \$78 billion, and those industries account for 276,425 jobs; and

WHEREAS, on average, each American farmer produces enough food for his family and 166 people in the U.S. and around the world; and

WHEREAS, farmers conserve Alabama's abundant natural resources by providing wildlife habitat; reducing erosion through conservation tillage; and increasing efficiency with precision agriculture, improved genetics and biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, farmers rely on their non-farm partners for supplies, financing, marketing, equipment, labor, technology and more; and

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week celebrates the interconnectedness and mutually beneficial relationships in America's food and fiber system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 22 through November 28, 2024, as

Farm-City Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 10th day of October 2024.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor