

§ 103-17. North Carolina Farmers Appreciation Day.

- (a) The General Assembly makes the following findings:
- (1) The people of North Carolina should never forget that to remain a free nation we must maintain and improve our ability to feed and clothe ourselves.
 - (2) The food and fiber we produce to feed and clothe ourselves must necessarily be safe, reliable, and economically affordable.
 - (3) From the beginning of our nation, the agriculture sector has served the people of North Carolina well in these and many other areas.
 - (4) The people of North Carolina must continue to use our land, water, and air to produce food and fiber in environmentally responsible and sustainable ways.
 - (5) Many North Carolina citizens no longer reside near working farms and are therefore unfamiliar with how our food and fiber are produced.
 - (6) North Carolina farmers are dedicated to producing the food and fiber to feed and clothe our population.
 - (7) The farmers of North Carolina have set the pace and performed exceptionally well in many parts of the agriculture sector.
 - (8) Countless people across the United States and in many other nations depend on food and fiber produced here in North Carolina.
 - (9) It is important to properly acknowledge and express gratitude for the efforts of North Carolina farmers.
- (b) The second Wednesday in November of each year, beginning in 2024, is designated as North Carolina Farmers Appreciation Day. (2023-63, s. 8.1(a).)