

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

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COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Arizona benefits from year-round agricultural production so that Arizona's agribusiness system contributes directly and indirectly, via the multiplier effect, approximately \$23.3 billion in sales; and

WHEREAS, some Arizona counties rank in the top one percent of all United States counties in measures of crop and livestock production; and

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks among leading states in the production of lettuce, spinach, broccoli, cantaloupe, honeydew melons, durum wheat and other commodities; and

WHEREAS, the clear majority of Arizona farms are family-run operations and partnerships and account for the bulk of farm sales; and

WHEREAS, 885 schools with 573,065 students participate in a Farm to School Program; and

WHEREAS, the Farm to School Program is growing strong in Arizona and participation has tripled in the last three years since data collection began 10 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School strengthens and sustains Arizona agriculture through procurement of Arizona grown food for cafeteria meals and classroom snacks, student education about agriculture, food, health, and nutrition, and school gardens where students participate in experiential learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize October 2022 as

FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

and encourage all Arizonans to celebrate the important connection between Arizona agricultural producers and Arizona schools.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirteenth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE