

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, our South Dakota farmers and ranchers are global leaders in productivity who successfully provide food, fiber, and fuel for the world and drive our state's economy; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's number one industry produces over 5.4 billion dollars in agricultural exports and supports over 17,000 careers across our state, not just for farmers and ranchers, but for scientists, processors, shippers, truckers, and retailers; and,

Whereas, South Dakota stands as a leader in agricultural production and exports in the United States, providing a vast array of products that are in critical demand both domestically and internationally; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's leading agriculture exports include but are not limited to ethanol, pork, soybeans, distiller's grains, beef, dairy, corn, feed, and feed grains; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has affirmed the importance of international trade partnerships and the development of new trade agreements on trade missions to Mexico, Japan, Taiwan, and Israel; and,

Whereas, it is imperative to raise awareness among producers, consumers, businesses, and policymakers about the challenges and opportunities facing agricultural trade; and,

Whereas, I encourage all South Dakotans to recognize the role that agriculture and cross-border trade plays in our lives and the importance of agriculture to our state's economy:

Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2025, as

AGRICULTURE TRADE DAY

in South Dakota and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:

Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State