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Gov. Edwards Proclaims Louisiana Ag Day

BATON ROUGE — Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards signed an official proclamation declaring March 21, 2017 Agriculture Day (Ag Day) in Louisiana. Organized by the Agriculture Council of America, National Ag Day is also being celebrated tomorrow in communities and schools across the United States.

“We all owe a great debt to the hardworking men and women who raise the quality produce and livestock that all Louisiana families depend on daily,” said Gov. Edwards. “Given the two historic floods in March and August, 2016 was a difficult year for many farms, both large and small. I hope that proclaiming Louisiana Ag Day demonstrates our appreciation for the important work being done by this industry to keep our families healthy and productive, especially when that work is most challenging.”

The people of Louisiana depend on a consistently strong \$13 billion annual agriculture industry. About 60 percent of Louisiana’s agricultural income is generated by crops while the other 40 percent is produced by livestock and livestock products. In fact, in terms of income generated, the state’s top five agricultural products are sugar cane, rice, cattle, soybeans and cotton. Additionally, Louisiana exports over \$8.3 billion in agricultural products annually.

[Click here to read the governor’s proclamation.](#)

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