



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, American agriculture serves all people in this country and many others around the globe by providing the things we eat, wear, and use on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, as America's number one industry, agriculture provides 23 million jobs and is the single largest contributor to our net trade balance through the efforts of the farmers, farm workers, scientists, processors, shippers, retailers, and others who provide us with the basics of a good life; and

WHEREAS, each year, one American farmer provides food and fiber for more than 120 people; and

WHEREAS, our modern farmers and ranchers uphold the fine tradition of American farming and ensure a healthy, abundant food and fiber supply, while adopting new advances in science, technology, production and marketing to meet changing consumer needs; and

WHEREAS, thoughtful practices and careful stewardship of America's agricultural resources provide, a healthy and sustainable environment and provide for the proper nutrition and health of Americans, while ensuring protection of a safe and secure food supply; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico Agriculture is a major contributor to the state's economy with receipts of nearly \$3 billion and assets of well over \$12 billion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim March 16-22, 2008 as:

"National Agriculture Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico, and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the important role of agriculture in our history, economy and future prosperity.

Attest

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Herrera".

Mary Herrera
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
7th day of February, 2008.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the Great State of New Mexico

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Richardson".

Bill Richardson
Governor

