

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, as a major contributor to our state's economy for hundreds of years, the agriculture industry impacts the lives of people each and every day; and

WHEREAS, advances in science, technology, research, production, and marketing enable agriculture to meet the demands of changing consumer needs, growing populations, and diverse global markets while protecting and preserving our natural resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of farms across South Carolina serve as a major source of employment, providing jobs for farmers and farmworkers, scientists, processors, shippers, wholesalers, and retailers in agriculture and food service; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture Day raises awareness of the abundance provided by agriculture, highlights career opportunities in the field, and calls attention to the industry's efforts to provide consumers with safe, high-quality, and affordable products.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2012, as

SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the vital role farmers and other agricultural workers play in the lives of our residents and the economy of our state.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA