



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

AGRICULTURE CENSUS MONTH

- WHEREAS: As Georgia's top industry, agriculture accrues more than \$13.75 billion in cash receipts each year; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia encompasses one of America's most vital and diversified farm economies. Historically, our state has led the nation in the production of broilers, peanuts and pecans; and
- WHEREAS: Today, Georgia maintains high rankings as a major producer of blueberries, cotton, eggs, peaches, fresh vegetables and watermelon, and is home to the world-famous Vidalia onion; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of the Census of Agriculture is to obtain general agricultural information to better design and implement strategic programs for farmers and agribusiness owners; and
- WHEREAS: This census is the only national report that provides valuable and detailed farm information for each county, as well as for our state and nation; and
- WHEREAS: The collection and compilation of information regarding a variety of farm-related activities play an essential role in the marketing decisions of today's industry leaders. This information is necessary to ensure the continued growth of Georgia's farms, the success of our farmers and the continuity of our agricultural interests; and
- WHEREAS: This year marks the 20th anniversary of the first Census of Agriculture conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2018 as AGRICULTURE CENSUS MONTH in Georgia and encourage statewide participation to ensure the enhancement of this vital industry.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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