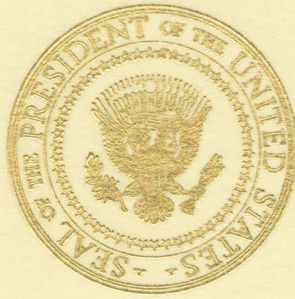


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National Farm-City Week, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The two hundred years which have passed since America's birth has witnessed a dramatic change in our society. From a primarily rural nation, we have grown to a country of great cities and towns, and farmers now make up less than five percent of our national population.

As we have learned from our recent food shortages, however, the cities have not lost their fundamental dependence upon the farms for the basics in life. Nor are our farms any less dependent upon our urban centers for their products and services.

There is, indeed, a continuing partnership, often recognized but little honored. It is that partnership we must build upon to achieve a new abundance and prosperity in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period November 22 through November 28, 1974 as National Farm-City Week.

I invite our civic and business groups, our agricultural organizations, our service clubs, our labor unions, our schools and other interested groups to participate in this observance. I request the United States Department of Agriculture, our land-grant educational institutions, and all appropriate organizations and Government officials to mark the significance of National Farm-City Week with special events and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

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I request interested persons to join with agricultural organizations, business and labor groups, youth and community groups, schools and others to focus attention upon the interrelationships which exist among the constructive labors of all individuals, whether on the farm or in the city.

I urge the Department of Agriculture, educational institutions and other organizations and governmental agencies and officials to mark the significance of National Farm-City Week with special study, public meetings, exhibits and other appropriate activities in the public interest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

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As we near the end of our Bicentennial year, we have good cause to once again give thanks for the unique productivity of our farms and cities. While we are a nation of individuals—farmers and ranchers, and townspeople—we all work closely together to operate our economic and governmental systems.

Our independence as a country for two centuries has been successful because our citizens have been successful working together. This is nowhere more apparent than in the continuing development of our agricultural and urban areas. Our farmers and ranchers are the greatest producers of food in the world. They do this through the help of the goods and services produced by those who have moved from farms to the cities.

It is clear that this continuing interdependence between farm and city should be more fully understood by all citizens, for it is through this partnership that the country may achieve new abundance and prosperity in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period November 19 through November 25, 1976, as National Farm-City Week.

I request that interested individuals in all pursuits join with agricultural organizations, business and labor groups, youth and community groups, schools, and others to focus attention upon the interrelationships which exist between individuals and their labors in our economic system.

I urge the Department of Agriculture, educational institutions and all organizations and governmental agencies and officials to mark the significance of National Farm-City Week with special study, public meetings, exhibits and other appropriate activity in the public interest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

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