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### Lake County Commissioners Proclaim “National Agriculture Week”

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, March 23, 2023— Lake County Farm Bureau volunteers visited with the Lake County Commissioners on Thursday, March 23, 2023, to promote agriculture in celebration of National Ag Day (March 21, 2023) and National Ag Week (March 21-27, 2023) where the Lake County Commissioners issued a proclamation in honor of National Agriculture Week. The proclamation states “American agriculture is the foundation of our country. It’s the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation, made possible by the hard work of America’s farms and farm families.”

“As a grassroots organization that is committed to supporting our farm and food community, it is critical that we [Farm Bureau] build awareness and understanding of American agriculture. The Commissioners proclamation recognizing the importance of agriculture in the county is very much appreciated,” says Mandy Orahoad, Organization Director. “Agriculture plays a vital role in each and every person's daily lives, and Farm Bureau is proud to be a part of engaging and educating others about where their food, fiber, and fuel comes from.”

Fast Facts about Agriculture:

- There are 214 farms in Lake County which together comprise 13,098 acres.
- Agriculture is the #1 industry in the State of Ohio.
- New technology means farmers are more environmentally friendly than ever before.
- Top 3 Agricultural Production Sectors are:
  - Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production
  - Farm Inputs, Equipment & Professional Services, and
  - Fruit & Vegetable Production
- Per farm average, the market value of products sold by farms in Lake County is \$344,364 per year.
- 20% of farms in Lake County sell directly to consumers.



*From the left: Commissioner John Plecnik, Lake County Farm Bureau Public Policy Action Team Leader Eric Cotton, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich, Commission President John R. Hamercheck.*

- 93% of farms in Lake County are family-owned farms. The State of Ohio ranked 15<sup>th</sup> of all States in agriculture receipts.

The National Agriculture Day program encourages every American to understand how food and fiber products are produced, appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products, value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy, and to consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

“It’s easy to forget all the hard work of the men and women behind the scenes providing fresh food and working on the farms, this week is to recognize and celebrate them,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck. “Today we join the Lake County Farm Bureau in Celebrating National Agriculture Week in Lake County.”

“Agriculture plays a key role in Lake County’s strong economy and economic development and I am proud to do my part in ensuring agriculture thrives for the many generations to come,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “I would like to thank the Farm Bureau for joining us in this celebration.”

“This week, we celebrate American agriculture and our farm and ranch families who take great pride in growing a safe, sustainable food supply. I am proud to proclaim this week as National Agriculture Week in Lake County,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

To learn more and register for events, please visit [agday.org](http://agday.org)

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