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Lake County Commissioners Proclaim “National Agriculture Week”

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, March 21, 2024– Lake County Farm Bureau volunteers visited with the Lake County Commissioners on Thursday, March 21, 2024, to promote agriculture in celebration of National Ag Day (March 19, 2024) and National Ag Week (March 17-23, 2024) 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.”

"Through our annual Ag Day proclamation, we celebrate the backbone of our community - agriculture. From the food on our tables to the clothes on our backs, agriculture touches every aspect of our lives. This event serves as a vital bridge, bringing consumers and producers together to honor and appreciate the hard work and dedication of those who feed and sustain us. Let us unite in celebration, as we cultivate awareness, foster appreciation, and nurture the roots of our agricultural heritage, ensuring that agriculture remains strong for generations to come," said Mandy Orahood, Organization Director.



From the left: Mandy Orahood, Eric Cotton, Commission President John T. Plecnik, Steve Ohmes, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich, Ryan Wheeler, Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

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.
- 93% of farms in Lake County are family-owned farms. The State of Ohio ranked 15th 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.

“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 in our community for the many generations to come,” said Commission President John T. Plecnik.

“I would like to thank the Farm Bureau for joining us in this celebration. 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 Commissioner John R. Hamercheck. “Today we join the Lake County Farm Bureau in Celebrating National Agriculture Week in Lake County.”

“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.

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