

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 47

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KELLEY (126) (Sponsor), McGHEE, LOEHNER, REDMON,  
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2       **WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri has a proud agricultural tradition, with the first farms  
in this state established around 1725 by French settlers in the St. Genevieve area; and

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4       **WHEREAS**, today in Missouri, according to the 2007 Census of Agriculture:

5       (1) 66% of Missouri's total land area is farmland;

6       (2) 53% of Missouri's total agricultural receipts came from livestock;

7       (3) Missouri ranks 2nd in the nation in the number of farms, with 108,000 farms. The  
8 average farm size is 269 acres, with 86% of all Missouri farms having less than 500 acres of  
9 land;

10       (4) 88% of all farm operations in this state were owned by individuals, families, or sole  
11 proprietors. Only 0.3% were owned by nonfamily corporations;

12       (5) Missouri has \$7.51 billion value in agricultural products sold each year, with cattle  
13 and calves, hogs, and turkeys as Missouri's top livestock crops; and

14       (6) Missouri ranks 14th in the nation in total value of agricultural products sold. In  
15 2009, 30% of Missouri's top agricultural production was in cattle and calves (16.1%), hogs  
16 (10%), and turkeys (4%); and

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18       **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Missouri ranked 12th in the nation in agricultural exports, with  
19 livestock animals and meat as the 3rd highest agricultural export in the state; and

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21       **WHEREAS**, with animal agriculture playing such a vital role in the lives of Missourians,  
22 it is appropriate to set aside one day to celebrate Missouri's animal agriculture industry in  
23 Missouri:

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25           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
26 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
27 concurring therein, hereby designate October 3, 2011, as "Missouri Animal Agriculture Day" and  
28 encourage all citizens of this state to commemorate the day by eating and enjoying the fine meat  
29 selections raised in Missouri, including beef, pork, chicken, and turkey, as well as our wild game  
30 of deer, turkey, rabbit, and elk, and the many fish from our lakes, rivers, streams, and creeks.

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