

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KELLEY (126) (Sponsor), DAVIS,
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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:

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6 (1) 66% of Missouri's total land area is farmland;

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8 (2) 53% of Missouri's total agricultural receipts came from livestock;

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

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14 (4) 88% of all farm operations in this state were owned by individuals, families, or sole
15 proprietors. Only 0.3% were owned by nonfamily corporations;

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

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20 (6) Missouri ranks 14th in the nation in total value of agricultural products sold. In
21 2009, 30% of Missouri's top agricultural production was in cattle and calves (16.1%), hogs
22 (10%), and turkeys (4%); and

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

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

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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
32 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
33 concurring therein, hereby designate October 3, 2012, as "Missouri Animal Agriculture Day" and
34 encourage all citizens of this state to commemorate the day by eating and enjoying the fine meat
35 selections raised in Missouri, including beef, pork, chicken, and turkey, as well as our wild game
36 of deer, turkey, rabbit, and elk, and the many fish from our lakes, rivers, streams, and creeks.

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