

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 43**

**Senator Schaffer**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Ohio Department of Agriculture during  
March 2025 as National Agriculture Month.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to salute the Ohio Department of Agriculture on the auspicious occasion of its observance of National Agriculture Month, March 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Agriculture is deserving of recognition for its celebration of National Agriculture Month, for throughout its history, this fine organization has achieved a remarkable record of service to the state. Established as the Ohio Board of Agriculture in 1846, ODA works to protect citizens by ensuring the safety of the state's food supply and the health of Ohio's food animals and plant life and to create economic opportunities for Ohio's farmers, food processors, and agribusinesses. It is one of the oldest agriculture departments in the United States, and it is worthy of applause; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the backbone of our country, and farming is still the top industry in the State of Ohio. National Agriculture Month is an appropriate time to acknowledge the Ohio Department of Agriculture, for it has served as an important resource to our state's more than 74,500 farms, and its efforts have made a tremendous impact on our economy; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Agriculture has enhanced the quality of life in our society, and its accomplishments are a justifiable source of pride and a fine reflection not only on the agency itself but also on its astute management and hard-working staff. ODA's generous contributions have earned it the gratitude and respect of the many citizens it has so capably served, and we are

certain that as this worthy organization maintains its dedication to 27  
service, it will continue in the tradition of excellence that has long 28  
been its hallmark; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 30  
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the Ohio 31  
Department of Agriculture during National Agriculture Month 2025 and 32  
urge all citizens to participate in appropriate activities and 33  
projects; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Ohio Department of 36  
Agriculture. 37