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### **KASICH SIGNS LEGISLATION CREATING AGRICULTURE WEEK**

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich signed House Bill 89 (Derickson) to designate the second full week of March as "Ohio Agriculture Week." Gov. Kasich was joined by bill sponsor Rep. Timothy Derickson (R-Oxford), Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Rep. David Hall (R-Killbuck), Director of the Department of Agriculture Jim Zehringer, and representatives from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Regarding agriculture, Kasich said in his State of the State address: "Here's the thing about agriculture, it's not your old man's tractor anymore. It's technology. It's GPS. It's weather patterns. It's you're your own boss and you fall in love with the good earth. There's something about it that's soulful and spiritual. And we need to recognize our farmers for the great work they have done."

House Bill 89 was passed unanimously by the General Assembly and is intended to increase public recognition of the vitally important role agriculture plays in Ohio. Generating \$98 billion per year and employing one out of every seven Ohioans, agriculture is the state's leading industry. The 1,100 processing facilities across the state employ more than 60,000 workers, and each family farm in Ohio indirectly creates job opportunities for neighbors in and around their communities.

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