

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, agriculture constitutes a foundational pillar of Washington state's economic vitality, cultural identity and sustainability of local communities and it is essential to recognize and support the ongoing development, innovation and resilience of the agricultural sector to ensure continued prosperity and food security across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture, Washington is home to 32,076 farms and ranches operating on nearly 13.9 million acres of agricultural land, producing over 300 commodities and a diverse array of livestock that sustain local, national and global food systems; and

WHEREAS, Washington is the nation's top producer of apples, blueberries, hops, onions, pears, spearmint oil, and sweet cherries and the nation's number two producer of apricots, grapes, potatoes, raspberries, and winter wheat; and

WHEREAS, according to the Washington State Department of Commerce, agriculture and food manufacturing operations, made possible by farmworkers and other employees, support more than 171,000 jobs statewide; and

WHEREAS, the success of Washington agriculture relies on the collaboration and dedication of many partners, including producers, growers, farmworkers, processors, distributors, researchers, educators, Tribes, and state and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, March 15-21, 2026, is National Ag Week, March 24, 2026, is National Ag Day, and, historically, March is Washington State Wine Month, so we celebrate all things grown, raised, produced, and poured here during the month of March; and

WHEREAS, declaring March as Washington Agriculture Month provides an opportunity for all Washington residents to recognize and celebrate the essential role of agriculture in our daily lives, to learn where their food and products come from, to support the people and communities who make Washington agriculture possible, and to inspire future generations to pursue careers in agriculture and related fields;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as

Washington Agriculture Month

in Washington, and I encourage all residents to honor and support the producers, workers and partners who contribute to the strength, diversity and sustainability of Washington agriculture.

Signed this 2nd day of March, 2026

Handwritten signature of Bob Ferguson in blue ink.

Governor Bob Ferguson

