

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.258

Reps. Alexander, Aiyash, Bezotte, Brann, Breen, Tyrone Carter, Haadsma, Hood, Marino, Rogers, Sabo, Sneller, Thanedar and Young offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare March 21-27, 2022, as Agriculture Week  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Each year, states across the nation recognize March  
4 as a time to celebrate the importance of food and agriculture as a  
5 significant contributor to the national economy; and

6       Whereas, The Michigan food and agriculture industry  
7 contributes more than \$104.7 billion annually to the state's  
8 economy and is a major source of employment for the state's  
9 workforce, supporting approximately 805,000 jobs, which is roughly  
10 17.2 percent of the state's workforce; and

11       Whereas, Michigan's food and agriculture sector is the second

1 most diverse in the country with nearly 51,000 farms, 99 percent of  
2 which are family-owned, farming nearly 10 million acres of farmland  
3 and commercially producing more than 300 food and agricultural  
4 commodities; and

5       Whereas, Michigan ranks first in the nation for asparagus  
6 production, producing up to 23 million pounds annually; and

7       Whereas, Michigan is one of the top blueberry producing states  
8 with more than 100 million pounds produced by 575 farms  
9 contributing nearly \$132 million to the state's economy; and

10       Whereas, Michigan has 12,221 farms with 1,201,383 cattle and  
11 calves and cash receipts over \$575 million; and

12       Whereas, Michigan produced roughly 400 million pounds of dry  
13 edible beans with a value of \$126 million; and

14       Whereas, Michigan ranks seventh in production of eggs with  
15 more 15.4 million laying hens that produce 4,548 million eggs per  
16 year, contributing \$655 million to the Michigan economy annually;  
17 and

18       Whereas, Michigan leads the nation in many floriculture crops,  
19 including impatiens, begonias, Easter lillies, geraniums, hostas,  
20 and petunias with a wholesale value of \$467 million; and

21       Whereas, Michigan has 13,100 acres of vines, making Michigan  
22 the eight-largest grape producing state in the nation and home to  
23 more than 100 commercial wineries; and

24       Whereas, Michigan is now the fourth-largest hop growing state  
25 in the United States and ranks 14th in the world for hop  
26 production; and

27       Whereas, Michigan has 47,641 farms with 2,068,138 acres under  
28 irrigation; and

29       Whereas, Michigan grows 70% of the United States supply of

1 juicy tart cherries, ranking first in production with 201 million  
2 pounds valued at \$280 million; and

3       Whereas, Michigan grows many varieties of kale and the market  
4 has grown by over 60% in recent years; and

5       Whereas, Michigan grows multiple varieties of lettuce both  
6 indoors and outdoors with a rapid expansion of production due to  
7 climate, muck soil and hydroponic opportunities; and

8       Whereas, Michigan ranks #5 in the nation for maple syrup  
9 production and produces about 90,000 gallons of syrup per year with  
10 an economic impact of \$2.5 million annual; and

11       Whereas, Michigan nursery, landscape, and lawn care industries  
12 have an economic impact of \$4.5 billion; and

13       Whereas, Michigan onion production is approximately 79 million  
14 pounds which yield a total value of \$10 million; and

15       Whereas, Michigan produced more than 21.2 million pounds of  
16 peaches valued at more than \$9.2 million; and

17       Whereas, Michigan has a total of 79 farms raising quail, with  
18 34 farms selling quail; and

19       Whereas, Michigan has over 500 farms and 500 acres in  
20 raspberry production; and

21       Whereas, Soybeans are Michigan's top export with over 109  
22 million bushels produced with a value over \$941 million; and

23       Whereas, Michigan grows tomatoes for both fresh and processed  
24 uses. In 2016, Michigan produced 120,100 tons of tomatoes for  
25 process and 74 million pounds for fresh market; and

26       Whereas, Michigan is home to nearly 1,200 dairy farms who care  
27 for over 445,000 cows giving 27,000 pounds of undeniably nutritious  
28 milk each year. Michigan is ranked 6th in milk production in the  
29 United States; and

1       Whereas, Michigan grows over 50 types of vegetables with 3,047  
2 farms harvesting over 101,750 acres; and

3       Whereas, Michigan is home to 500,000 acres of wheat in 75  
4 Michigan counties producing over 35 million bushels annually; and

5       Whereas, Michigan is the leading producer of potatoes for  
6 extra crispy potato chip processing and they are the state's second  
7 leading produce commodity with over 1.8 billion pounds of potatoes  
8 produced annually generating \$182 million in sales; and

9       Whereas, Michigan pumpkins, yellow, and various other species  
10 of squash generate over \$24 million from production of  
11 approximately 220 million pounds of pumpkins and squash; and

12       Whereas, Michigan ranks first nationally with 822 farms  
13 harvesting over 29,000 acres and 236,700 tons of zesty cucumbers;  
14 and

15       Whereas, Michigan's food and agricultural sector continues to  
16 be a growing industry offering new business and career  
17 opportunities for Michiganders, making food and agriculture a  
18 cornerstone of Michigan's continued prosperity, now, therefore, be  
19 it

20       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
21 this legislative body declare March 21-27, 2022, as Agriculture  
22 Week in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens to  
23 recognize and celebrate this momentous occasion.