

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is an important industry in Mississippi, creating jobs for over 400,000 Mississippians; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi farmers are number one in the production of catfish, number three in the production of cotton, number four in the production of rice, number fourteen in the production of soybeans, number twenty-one in the production of corn and number twenty-three in the production of winter wheat in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the approximately 43,000 farms in Mississippi had a total value of production in 2002 of over 4,500,000,000 dollars:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 28 through May 4, 2003, as

**AGRICULTURE APPRECIATION WEEK**

and the May 1, 2003, as

**FARMER OF THE YEAR DAY**

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, April 16, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR