



Pennsylvania Department of
AGRICULTURE

PROCLAMATION

*2007 Census of Agriculture
August 14, 2007*

WHEREAS, agriculture is Pennsylvania's leading industry, with more than 58,000 farms generating \$4.9 billion in cash receipts and \$45 billion in economic activity for the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Census is vitally important to the success of Pennsylvania agriculture, providing information essential to the continued growth of the industry; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Census provides valuable information to federal, state and local governments and agribusinesses, to be used to make decisions that directly impact producers in areas including community planning, availability of funding, location and staffing of service centers, and farm programs and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Census is conducted every five years, measuring land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures, and many other areas important to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the Agriculture Census, producers can demonstrate the value of agriculture in the United States,

Therefore, in recognition of the importance of the Agriculture Census, I, Dennis C Wolff, Secretary of Agriculture of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby recognize this year, 2007, the Year of the Census of Agriculture. I urge all agricultural producers, regardless of the size of their operation, to take part in the Agriculture Census, to help themselves, their communities, and the United States agriculture industry.

*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the
Department of Agriculture, in this city of
Harrisburg, on this 14th day of August in the
year of our Lord two thousand and seven.*

*Dennis Wolff
Secretary*

