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Governor Minner declares January 5 – 10 to be Ag Week in Delaware

STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION OF **DELAWARE AGRICULTURE**

Whereas, agriculture is Delaware's number one and most vital industry adding \$1 billion to the state's economy each year; and

Whereas agriculture provides thousands of jobs throughout the farm and food chain, including farm workers, scientists, restaurateurs, extension specialists, grocery store employees, processors, shippers, and retailers: and

Whereas, people in agriculture are conscientious stewards of the land, and continue to seek new approaches to maintain harmony with the environment and new methods to produce the food, fiber, and shelter so vital to our health and well-being; and

Whereas American agriculture builds on centuries of progress by constantly seeking advances in science, research, technology, production, and marketing to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world markets; and

Whereas, on-going education and sharing of knowledge will sustain and empower Delaware's farmers and the agricultural community;

Now therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor, and John Carney, Lieutenant Governor, of the State of Delaware, do hereby recognize the importance of Delaware agriculture, our number one industry, and declare the week of January 5 – 10, 2009 as

Agriculture Week

in the State of Delaware; and we urge all Delawareans to celebrate and understand Delaware's modern agricultural industry, and to thank the hard working men and women of Delaware agriculture.

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