

United States Department of Agriculture Missouri State Office Farm Service Agency National Agriculture Statistics Service Natural Resources Conservation Service Rural Development

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The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack Secretary of Agriculture U. S. Department of Agriculture Stop Code 3301 Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

In honor of the Department's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Missouri State Service Center Agencies' leaders had the distinct pleasure of meeting with Missouri Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon and were presented a proclamation recognizing this historic event. Governor Nixon recognized the work our Agencies have done to support the agriculture industry and applauded USDA's role in the natural disasters that have stricken our state.

We would like to present to you Governor Nixon's proclamation commemorating USDA's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We thank you for your leadership of our organization and appreciate all you've done to support Missouri's farmers, ranchers, landowners and businesses.

Warmest Regards,

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