

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in 2012, USDA will commemorate and celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding in 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed into law an act of Congress establishing the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, two and one-half years later, in what would be his final annual message to the Congress, Lincoln called USDA "The People's Department." At that time, about half of all Americans lived on farms, compared with about 2 percent today. But through its work on food, agriculture, economic development, science, natural resource conservation and a host of other issues, USDA still fulfills Lincoln's vision - touching the lives of every American, every day; and

WHEREAS, as it commemorates 150 years of accomplishments, USDA is learning from past experiences and looking to the future. In the years to come, USDA must help address the changing needs of agriculture and rural America. It must continue to help provide a safe, ample food supply for our nation and the world. To meet those goals, USDA is working to become a more modern and effective service provider and to deliver the best possible results for all of the American people; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the year, Americans should acknowledge and join in USDA's commemoration of 150 years. It is a great time to learn about its contributions to the strength and health of this nation, and to see how it continues to partner with Americans working to provide a better life for their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2012 as

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of May in the year of our  
Lord 2012 and of the Independence  
of the United States 236.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*M E Daniels, Jr.*