
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 73
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Introduced: 3/8/22
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: California Agriculture Day

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing March 22, 2022, as National Agriculture Day, and designating Wednesday, March 23, 2022, as California Agriculture Day.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March 23, 2022, is designated as California Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture's importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians nourished, and its role in keeping the state's economy ranked as the fifth largest in the world. The theme of California Agriculture Day 2022 is "California Agriculture: Working Lands, Human Hands, Healthy Plans".
- 2) For more than 60 consecutive years, California has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for approximately 50 percent of the nation's supply of fruits, vegetables, and nuts. California is the nation's leader in agricultural exports, shipping more than \$21 billion of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2019.

- 3) With less than 2 percent of California's population engaged in farming and agriculture, each agricultural worker today provides for more than 165 other people, compared to just 25 in 1960.
- 4) Today's agricultural industry offers over 200 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering.
- 5) Over the past seven decades, advances in agricultural production have resulted in a drop in consumer spending on food products from 22 percent of average household disposable income in 1949 to 11 percent today.
- 6) California's agricultural industry constantly seeks to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world markets.
- 7) California consumers say that it is important to them to purchase foods grown in California and California consumers have increased support of farmers' markets, community supported agricultural programs, and farm-to-school programs.
- 8) California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of agricultural land by 2050 and more than 300,000 acres of it will have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California should continue to work for conservation to preserve California's agricultural heritage.
- 9) It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world.

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Related/Prior Legislation

The following are the most recent Senate measures recognizing California Agriculture Day:

- SR 89 (Galgiani, 2018) – adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2018.
- SR 28 (Galgiani, 2017) – adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2017.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/14/22)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/14/22)

None received

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