



Florida farmers and ranchers help feed the world by producing a bounty of nutritious foods. To do this, they rely on essential partnerships with urban and suburban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products to consumers across Florida and around the globe.

Rural and urban communities working together have built our nation's rich agricultural resources so that they contribute to the health and well-being of our country and the strength of our economy.

During National Farm-City Week, we recognize the importance of this cooperative network. Agriculture and related enterprises employ more than 2.5 million workers, including farmers and ranchers, shippers, processors, marketers, retailers, inspectors and others who contribute an annual impact of \$182.6 billion to Florida's economy.

As they perform their daily work, farmers and ranchers preserve freshwater recharge areas, wildlife habitat and greenspace. Consumers help farm families maintain their superior natural resource conservation practices by purchasing Florida's agricultural products.

Farm-City Week activities celebrate the mutually beneficial relationships that support the quality of life we all enjoy. This week, as we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, we count these relationships among our many blessings.

We commend the many Floridians whose hard work and ingenuity provide us with food abundance and reflect the true spirit of our state and nation.

Now, therefore, We, The Broward Soil & Water Conservation District, by virtue of the authority vested in us (us), do hereby proclaim November 21-27, 2024 as Farm City Week.

We call upon all citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce and supply our community, our nation and the world with an abundance of agricultural products.

Signed: *Fred Segal*

Chair, Broward Soil & Water Conservation District