

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF DELAWARE GROWN WEEK

*Whereas*, agriculture is Delaware's number one industry, and our family farms play a vital role in the prosperity of the state's economy, communities, and environment; and

*Whereas*, the variety of direct-to-consumer markets from farm stands to u-pick operations ensures Delawareans have access to fresh, seasonal produce, value added products, and animal proteins, while supporting small businesses and strengthening community ties; and

*Whereas*, over two dozen farmers markets across the state offer a variety of produce, value added products like jams, meat, and dairy, and topped \$5 million in sales for the first time in 2025; and

*Whereas*, initiatives like Farm to School, school and community gardens, and Food is Medicine broaden the opportunity for Delawareans of all ages and communities throughout the state to experience locally grown foods and learn more about nutrition; and

*Whereas*, the availability of programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women Infant and Children Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program expand access to Delaware grown, nutritious foods for all Delawareans; and

*Whereas*, consuming Delaware-grown produce supports local farmers, strengthens our economy, and helps protect the environment; and

*Whereas*, we extend our sincere gratitude to Delaware's farm families, farm workers, community organizations, and agriculture companies for their hard work, dedication, and vital role in feeding our communities.

*Now, Therefore, I, Matthew Meyer, Governor,*  
do hereby declare May 17 – 23, 2026, as  
**DELAWARE GROWN WEEK**

in the State of Delaware, and encourage all Delawareans to take part in activities that celebrate and support local agriculture.



  
Matthew Meyer  
Governor