

McLEAN COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION
In support of McLean County Agriculture

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to more than 71,000 farms, 1,416 of which are located in McLean County which produces the largest volume of corn and soybeans of any county in the nation as well as a diverse range of other grain, specialty crops and livestock; and

WHEREAS, farmers in Illinois comply with robust regulations involving state and federal agencies to ensure environmentally responsible practices as evidenced through data and information from state regulatory agencies that demonstrates environmental issues from agriculture are an extremely rare occurrence; and

WHEREAS, McLean County agriculture represents the largest land use in the county representing approximately 85 percent of total land area, provides for 10.5 percent of the property tax base and its related industries total economic impact is estimated at \$1.5 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, recent economic disruptions, labor shortages and supply chain challenges highlight the importance of a robust and resilient agriculture systems that McLean County farmers and their prime farmland support by providing economic well-being and food security in our communities; and

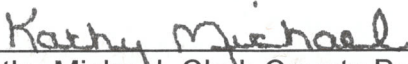
WHEREAS, agriculture in McLean County supports 5,593 jobs, representing an estimated 5 percent of total jobs in the county, has been identified as one of five key economic sectors targeted for growth by the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council and with new livestock developments will continue to provide opportunities for economic growth and additional jobs in the county; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mclean County Board acknowledges the value of agriculture to our local economy and rural communities and expresses support for the continued growth and development of agriculture within our county.

ADOPTED by the McLean County Board this 15th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Kathy Michael, Clerk County Board
McLean County


John D. McIntyre, Chairman
McLean County Board

