

## Tuesday is National Ag Day

The Nebraska Farm Service Agency (FSA) suggests that we all take a moment to celebrate agriculture and honor our hard-working farmers and ranchers. County Executive Director, Shawna Mitchell announces that March 19, 2013 is National Ag Day and this year's theme is "Generations Nourishing Generations".

"According to recent USDA studies, the agricultural sector right now remains a bright spot in terms of economic stability and growth and there is a strong demand for U.S. agricultural products," said Mitchell. "Generation after generation of agricultural producers in Nebraska are getting up early every day to provide the food, fiber and fuel that feed and clothe Americans and others around the world."

Mitchell further notes, "As research advances, the future is even brighter. New uses for ag products are being found to utilize natural ingredients for life-saving medicines, are used for energy, and supply the critical commodities required in a long list of manufacturing sectors."

Despite the onslaught of drought weathered by farmers and ranchers this past year that created less than ideal growing conditions, producers still managed to grow the commodities that keep our economy moving forward. And they maintain our abundant supply of renewable resources in an environmentally sensitive manner. "For their life sustaining efforts, we honor Nebraska's agricultural producers for their vital contribution," said Mitchell.

Today each American farmer produces enough food to feed more than 144 people, a dramatic increase from the 25 people a farmer sustained in 1960. These increased efficiencies demonstrate that American Agriculture is producing more – and doing it better than ever before.

AgDay is a project of the Agriculture Council of America. For further Ag Day information and events visit [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org).

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