



Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1982, Minnesota farmers planted 7.8 million acres of corn, again identifying it as this state's leading crop, accounting for one-third of the total crop acreage; and

WHEREAS: The record average yield of 114 bushels per acre resulted in the harvest of 734.5 million bushels of corn, plus an additional one million acres of corn silage and sweet corn; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is the nation's fifth leading corn producing state; and

WHEREAS: Corn is the leading crop source of gross income for Minnesota farmers, the 1982 crop valued at current market prices at nearly \$2.5 billion, with the volume annually sold generating more than 17 percent of gross farming income; and

WHEREAS: Some 70,000 of Minnesota's farm families raise corn, making it the clear majority crop in this state; and

WHEREAS: Corn is of major importance in the production of milk, meat, eggs and other livestock and poultry products, as well as being used in a wide variety of processed food products in supermarket shelves and freezers; and

WHEREAS: Corn is a key commodity in a new expansion of the industries further processing Minnesota agricultural products, with a new corn wet milling plant beginning operation at Marshall to produce corn syrup, starch and byproducts, and a number of smaller plants that are producing alcohol fuels from this renewable agricultural energy resource; and

WHEREAS: It is important to recognize, support, and encourage this important contribution to Minnesota's economy and quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 1983, to be

MINNESOTA CORN MONTH

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

in Minnesota.

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