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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 98 declares March 19, 2009 as "Ag Day" in the Senate.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

American agriculture serves all people in this state, nation and world by producing healthy, wholesome, safe and abundant food and fiber to provide nourishment, clothing and other necessities of life.

America's number one industry, agriculture, provides twenty-three million jobs in the United States and is the number one export and single largest contributor to the nation's net trade balance.

Each individual American farmer, rancher and dairyman is responsible for providing food or fiber for nearly one hundred forty-four other people.

Today's modern ranchers, farmers and dairymen uphold the vibrant custom, culture and tradition of agriculture and rural economies, while constantly adopting new advances in science and technology to meet ever-changing consumer needs and desires.

Thoughtful practices and careful stewardship of America's and New Mexico's natural and agricultural resources provide healthy and sustainable environments and abundant wildlife populations while at the same time providing proper nutrition for healthy citizens and ensuring a secure food supply.

New Mexico agriculture is a major contributor to the state's economy with receipts of nearly three billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000) a year and assets of well over twelve billion dollars.

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New Mexico agriculture will be providing a beef, bean, lamb, chile, tortilla, salad, milk, cheese, ice cream and peanut dinner for the entire roundhouse this evening.

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