

By Senator Dean

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the value of animal agribusiness to the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida's food production animal agribusiness is an important part of Florida agriculture and Florida's sustainable future, and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers have been caretakers of food production animals throughout Florida's history, and

WHEREAS, the market value of Florida poultry, beef, dairy, goat, and sheep animal agribusiness products sold in 2007 was approximately \$1.3 billion, contributing significantly to Florida's food supply, consumer products, and its value-added impacts, and

WHEREAS, producing food locally for Florida's population contains food costs, reduces energy usage, promotes sustainability, and provides employment for Floridians, and

WHEREAS, the food production animal agribusiness sector is important to conserving Florida's green space, and

WHEREAS, Florida's food production animal agribusiness producers are committed to the safety of the food supply, and

WHEREAS, Florida agriculture is under extreme pressure from development, environmental regulations, production costs, taxation, drought, and urban encroachment, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the members of the Senate value the state's food production animal agribusiness, wish to protect the long-term

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30 viability and sustainability of the industry in Florida, are  
31 committed to food safety, and believe food production animal  
32 agribusiness has an important place in Florida's history and  
33 future.