

## GEORGIA BEEF MONTH

WHEREAS: Beef is a traditional American food with a taste that vast numbers of Americans love and appreciate; and

WHEREAS: Beef is one of our most versatile and nutritious protein sources, with less fat and fewer calories than ever before; and

WHEREAS: The production of beef cattle is one of Georgia's largest and most important industries, with cattle inventory in Georgia valued in excess of \$676 million, ranking sixth in cash crop receipts in the state; and

WHEREAS: It is important that the people of Georgia recognize the valuable contributions that our cattle industry makes to the health and well-being of our state: now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2003 as Georgia Beef Month and urge our citizens to participate in this observance through the support of our local beef industry.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand three.