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STATEMENT:

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Department of Agriculture Urges the Department of Natural Resources to Pursue Appeal on Ag Ruling

The recent court ruling affecting Missouri agriculture has caused much conversation among farmers across the state. The Missouri Department of Agriculture is urging the Missouri Department of Natural Resource to pursue legal action to overturn the judgment. We will continue to do everything we can to support Missouri farmers and appreciate everything they do to feed our families, take care of our land and grow our state's economy.

After a complete review of the Cole County Court's narrow ruling regarding confined animal feeding operations, the judgment put forth simply applies to the listed parties only, including the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Doyle Childers, and does not affect any other Missouri farm. Parties not listed in the lawsuit should continue to conduct business in their usual manner.

We have remained in contact with the Department of Natural Resources and it is our understanding that they fully intend to pursue legal action to overturn this judgment. We will continue to review the recent ruling and do everything we can to support Missouri's hard working farmers.

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