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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