

2012 National Agriculture Week Essay Contest



Dear Teacher,

National Agriculture Week, March 4-10, is an annual celebration of the many men and women who supply food products worldwide. This dedicated week provides the non-farming public with information about the importance of agriculture in the United States.

Food products grown by today's farmers are essential to everyday life. It is important for all people to understand the agricultural industry and how they are dependent upon it. The industry is constantly evolving to meet the demands of its consumers.

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture and Pride of Dakota are pleased to invite your 8th grade students to participate in our video or written essay contest in celebration of National Agriculture Week. The theme for the essay is, "Why is Agriculture Important to North Dakota?"

Our Department hopes that you will discuss with your students the importance of agriculture and encourage them to participate in this year's contest. For further information, please call or email Sara Kelsch at (701) 328-4766 or email sakelsch@nd.gov.

Thank you!
Doug Goehring
Agriculture Commissioner

Eligibility and Rules

1. Theme: Why is Agriculture Important to North Dakota?
2. All North Dakota 8th grade students are eligible to participate.
3. Video essays should be no longer than 5 minutes.
Written essays should be 200-250 words.
4. Video essays should be submitted in DVD format.
Written essays should be submitted in hard copy.
5. Please include student's name, age, school name, address, phone number and teacher's name.
6. Deadline: Postmarked by March 2.
7. All entries become the property of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. no entries will be returned.
8. Essays will be judged on creativity, concept and originality. the winner will be announced March 4.
9. The winner in each category will receive an i-pod shuffle .



Mail entries to:
Essay Contest
ND Department of Agriculture
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