



Montana Farm Bureau's 'M.Y. Agriculture Literacy' Program Announces an educational design contest for grades K-6

Bring Montana Agriculture into your Classroom!

In recognition of National Ag Week, March 17-23, 2019, Montana Farm Bureau's Montana Youth Agriculture Literacy program is hosting the "**Montana Ag in Color**" drawing contest for Montana's elementary school children. Seven winners will be selected from entries received from across the state. One winner will be chosen from each category and one over-all winner chosen from the winning drawings. Winning entries will be printed and distributed on usable items and educational materials. They will also be posted on the Montana Farm Bureau website and Facebook page. This contest is a wonderful opportunity to bring Montana agriculture education into your classroom.

Entry Categories

Grades K&1—**FARM ANIMALS IN MONTANA** (what you know about farm animals in Montana)

Grade 2—**GROWN IN MONTANA** (agriculture crops grown in Montana)

Grade 3—**CATTLE OF MONTANA** (the who, what, when, where, and why of cattle in Montana)

Grade 4—**NOXIOUS WEEDS IN MONTANA** (A serious problem for agriculture in Montana)

Grade 5—**GRAINS OF MONTANA** (Wheat, barley, and so many others)

Grade 6—**AGRICULTURAL RELATED CAREERS IN MONTANA** (1 in 5 jobs is related to agriculture!)

CONTEST RULES:

1. Entries must be legible with clear printing on good quality paper suitable for printing. Best practices include **neatly writing your slogan** on the entry first with pencil, and then neatly tracing the slogan with a fine point marker or pen.
2. Paper size—4" by 11" size. (no need for a margin)
3. 15 word maximum.
4. Each slogan must include the word "**Montana**"
5. The student's name, grade, school, school phone number, teacher's name, teacher's email and county on the back lower left hand corner of drawing. (Labels attached can be affixed on the back of each drawing.)

Entries will be judged on the following: Agricultural content, Neatness, Reproducibility, Originality

Entries shall be submitted to County Superintendent of Schools no later than [Friday, November 30, 2018](#). Each County Superintendent will choose one county winner from each grade. The seven county winners will be submitted by the County Superintendents to Montana Farm Bureau by [December 14, 2018](#). Montana Farm Bureau's Women's Leadership Committee will choose seven state winners from these entries. Entries postmarked after the [December 14, 2018](#) deadline will not be judged. Winners will be announced in early [February, 2019](#).

Winners of this contest will be guests of Montana Farm Bureau at an award luncheon in Helena, MT -- March 2019. Winners and their families will tour Helena and meet state dignitaries prior to the luncheon.

All entries become the property of Montana Farm Bureau and will not be returned.

TEACHERS: PLEASE DO NOT SEND ENTRIES DIRECTLY TO MFBF—WE WILL NOT ACCEPT MORE THAN 7 ENTRIES FROM EACH COUNTY AND THEY MUST COME FROM THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR A DESIGNATED REPLACEMENT. PLEASE DELIVER ALL ENTRIES TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT IN YOUR AREA.

HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE. THE PARENT OR TEACHER MUST SUBMIT THE STUDENT ARTWORK TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT AND CLASSIFY THE STUDENT IN THE CORRECT AGE GROUP/CATEGORY.

Address for inquiries and mailing county winning entries:

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You may view past winner's entries on our Facebook Page @montanafarmbureau

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