



Montana Farm Bureau Federation
Announces an educational design contest for grades K-6

Bring Montana Agriculture into your Classroom!

In recognition of National Ag Week, March 18-24, 2018, Montana Farm Bureau is hosting the **"Show me Montana Agriculture Design Contest"** for Montana's elementary school children. Eight state winners will be selected from entries received from across the state. One winner will be chosen from each grade and one over-all winner chosen from the winning drawings. Winning entries will be printed and distributed on usable items. 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. Standards driven lessons and activities to go with the contest categories are available on mfbf.org.

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 and county on the back lower left hand corner of 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, January 12, 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 [January 26, 2018](#). Montana Farm Bureau's Women's Leadership Committee will choose eight state winners from these entries. Entries postmarked after the [January 26, 2018](#) deadline will not be judged. Winners will be announced in [February, 2018](#).

Winners of this contest will be guests of Montana Farm Bureau at an award luncheon in Helena, MT -- March 2018. Look forward for winners, families, and teachers touring Helena and meeting state dignitaries.

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 NEED TO COME FROM THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR A DESIGNATED REPLACEMENT. PLEASE DELIVER ALL ENTRIES TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT IN YOUR AREA.

Address for inquiries and mailing county winning entries:

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You may view past winner's entries at mfbf.org

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