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Dear First through Sixth Grade Parents and Teachers:

At the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA), we like to recognize and celebrate agriculture whenever we get the opportunity. Did you know that Nebraska agriculture contributes more than \$21 billion to Nebraska's economy each year? Or that Nebraska is home to more than 45,000 farms and ranches that use more than 90% (45 million acres) of the state's total land area? Nebraska IS Agriculture!

Because Nebraska IS Agriculture, NDA is once again asking students to enter its annual poster contest highlighting the state's ag industry. We are inviting first through sixth grade students to get involved in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Nebraska Department of Agriculture Poster Contest. NDA plans to announce the winners during National Ag Week, March 17-23, 2024. This year's theme is "Nebraska Agriculture: Ready, Set, Grow!"

Students can showcase what they feel and think about Nebraska agriculture through their artwork. Last year, we received more than 2,000 posters from across Nebraska and learned about the creative ways Nebraska school teachers teach their students about ag.

Contest rules and entry forms are attached. We ask that you share this information with all first through sixth grade classes in your school. As mentioned in the contest rules, all entries must be received in our office by **March 1, 2024**.

We would also like to take a moment to remind you of NDA's "Kids Page" on our website at [nda.nebraska.gov/kids](http://nda.nebraska.gov/kids). The "Kids Page" has useful information, games and activities for students to learn about Nebraska agriculture. You'll find the poster contest information, along with past years' winners on this page, as well. I'd encourage you to look at the Fun Facts booklet, too.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture realizes the important role that you play in the lives of Nebraska's youth. If, at any time, we can assist you in your classroom agricultural studies or if you are ever in need of an agricultural guest speaker, please feel free to contact me.

If you have any questions about the poster contest, please contact me at 402-471-6856 or [christin.kamm@nebraska.gov](mailto:christin.kamm@nebraska.gov).

Sincerely,

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