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NDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2020 AG POSTER CONTEST

LINCOLN – National Ag Week is March 22-28, and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is adding to the week-long celebration by announcing the winners of its 17th annual poster contest. More than 1,750 students in grades 1-6 from all across Nebraska entered NDA's annual poster contest by highlighting agriculture, the state's number one industry.

"These posters truly express how Nebraska agriculture brings us together," said NDA Director Steve Wellman. "The students who entered this year's contest lifted our spirits with their colorful posters about agriculture and the many contributions the ag industry makes to our state. We appreciate their efforts and the extra time teachers and parents spent to help make our contest a success."

NDA announces the winners of its annual poster contest during National Ag Week to highlight the diversity of agriculture and celebrate the food, feed and fuel that farmers and ranchers provide every day. The winning posters and the names of the schools submitting entries are on NDA's website at nda.nebraska.gov/kids.

The posters, depicting this year's theme of "Nebraska Agriculture Brings People Together," were judged in three categories: first and second grade; third and fourth grade; and fifth and sixth grade. Here are the winners, grade levels and schools they represent.

In the first and second grade division:

- 1st place: Hayden Saxton, 2nd grade, Weeping Water Elementary School
- 2nd place: Santiago Castillo, 2nd grade, Chase County Schools in Imperial
- 3rd place: Riley Reiman, 2nd grade, Weeping Water Elementary School
- Governor's Choice: Ashlynn Pursley, 2nd grade, Chase County Schools in Imperial

In the third and fourth grade division:

- 1st place: Paisley Peterson, 3rd grade, Oakland-Craig Elementary School in Oakland
- 2nd place: Mackenna Wollenburg, 4th grade, St. John Lutheran School in Seward
- 3rd place: Jett Henderson, 4th grade, Weeping Water Elementary School
- Governor's Choice: Cooper Bartling, 4th grade, Ackerman Elementary School in Omaha

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In the fifth and sixth grade division:

- 1st place: Sophia Spieker, 6th grade, St. Mary's Catholic School in Wayne
- 2nd place: Brandon Rosas, 5th grade, Knickrehm Elementary School in Grand Island
- 3rd place: Destiny Maya, 5th grade, Pershing Elementary School in Lexington
- Governor's Choice: Regina Corado Cruz, 5th grade, Knickrehm Elementary School in Grand Island

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MEDIA: Digital copies of the winning artwork are available by emailing NDA's webmaster at agr.webmaster@nebraska.gov.