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NDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2025 POSTER CONTEST DURING NATIONAL AG WEEK

LINCOLN –In recognition of National Ag Week, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is announcing the winners of its annual poster contest. This year’s theme, “Agriculture is Amazing,” highlights and celebrates Nebraska’s number one industry. The poster contest was open to Nebraska students in grades 1-6. National Ag Week, March 16-22, is the perfect time to highlight and celebrate Nebraska’s number one industry.

“NDA’s poster contest is a favorite time of the year for us because teaching youth about agriculture is important, and it helps instill an appreciation for agriculture in future generations,” said NDA Director Sherry Vinton. “The students who participated in this year’s contest recognize and appreciate how diverse and amazing Nebraska agriculture is, and how agriculture positively impacts our lives every day.”

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

“National Ag Week is a chance to give thanks to farmers, ranchers, and the agriculture community for providing the food, fuel, and ag products that we rely on every day,” said Vinton. “NDA teammates look forward to this poster contest every year and are amazed at the talent these young artists possess. I’d like to thank everyone for participating, and I’d also like to thank Nebraska parents and teachers for taking time out of their busy schedules to teach young people about agriculture and how important the ag industry is to Nebraska.”

NDA’s ag poster contest is in its 22nd year. The posters were judged in three separate categories: first and second grade; third and fourth grade; and fifth and sixth grade. The winners will receive a certificate and letter from Gov. Jim Pillen and NDA Director Sherry Vinton.

In the First and Second Grade Category:

- **1st place:** Everly Exum, 2nd grade, Chase County Schools in Imperial
- **2nd place:** Ryker Stunkel, 2nd grade, Longfellow Elementary School in Hastings
- **3rd place:** William Cross, 2nd grade, Maywood Public Schools
- **Governor’s Choice:** Mirra Fuehrer-Martinelli, 2nd grade, Chase County Schools in Imperial

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In the Third and Fourth Grade Category:

- **1st place:** Emily Chelewski, 4th grade, Seward Elementary School
- **2nd place:** Grace Evans, 4th grade, Mary Our Queen School in Omaha
- **3rd place:** Makayla Kensler, 3rd grade, Gordon Elementary School
- **Governor's Choice:** Rosa Helgerson, 4th grade, St. Pius X/ St. Leo School in Omaha

In the Fifth and Sixth Grade Category:

- **1st place:** Violet Sinclair, 6th grade, Chase County Schools in Imperial
- **2nd place:** Hannah Detlefsen, 5th grade, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School in Laurel
- **3rd place:** Connor Pojar, 6th grade, St. Wenceslaus School in Dodge
- **Governor's Choice:** Henry Dvorak, 5th grade, St. Wenceslaus School in Dodge

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