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## **NDA'S ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST; AGRICULTURE: BUILDING THE FUTURE**

LINCOLN – Prepare your colored pencils, pull out your crayons and ready your markers, students! It's time for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's (NDA) annual poster contest, open to all Nebraska students in first through sixth grades. This year's theme is "Nebraska Agriculture: Building the Future," highlighting Nebraska's number one industry.

"With advancements in fuel and resources, agriculture truly is building the future," said NDA Director Sherry Vinton, "and the future of agriculture is the students today. As they learn and grow, they will bring new ideas and innovations to the agricultural field. Our annual poster contest creates an opportunity for students to learn more about where our food comes from."

NDA will announce the winners during National Agriculture Week, March 15-21, 2026. National Ag Week highlights the diversity of agriculture and celebrates the food, fuel and fiber that farmers and ranchers provide every day. NDA will feature winning entries from this year's contest on its website and in promotional materials and publications.

NDA's poster contest is divided into three age categories for judging purposes: first and second grade students; third and fourth grade students; and fifth and sixth grade students, in any Nebraska public, private or home school. All posters must be created exclusively by students and relate to this year's theme. Entries will be judged on originality, effort and accuracy and must be received at NDA's office by March 2, 2026.

Poster contest rules and official entry forms are available online at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/kids>. For more information, contact Christin Kamm at 402-471-6856 or by email at [christin.kamm@nebraska.gov](mailto:christin.kamm@nebraska.gov).

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