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## **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAUNCHES “AG IS COOL!” MULTI-MEDIA CONTEST**

*School Children (K-12) Can Enter to Win Tickets to Ohio State Fair, Brad Paisley Concert*

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (June 2, 2011) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture today announced its “Ag is Cool!” multi-media contest. Ohio school children can share their personal interpretation of why Ohio agriculture is cool for a chance to win free tickets to the Ohio State Fair, Brad Paisley concert tickets, and other prizes.

Video, photography, drawing, and painting entries will be judged in the following age categories, with one winner from each age group and category.

Grades K-2: Photography, Drawing or Painting  
Grades 3-5: Video, Photography, Drawing or Painting  
Grades 6-8: Video, Photography, Drawing or Painting  
Grades 9-12: Video, Photography, Drawing or Painting  
Grades 2-12: Video as a group project

All entries will be judged by representatives from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Office of the Governor, the Ohio Expo Center, and professional consultants in the areas of video production, photography, drawing, painting and other visual arts.

Judging will be based on the visual representation of the “Ag is Cool” theme, if it accurately reflects 21st Century agriculture, creativity and use of Ohio images, and quality of work. Contest winners will be notified no later than July 20, 2011.

Award winners will be recognized by the Office of the Governor and other state officials at the Ohio State Fair on July 27, 2011, 12 p.m., at the Taste of Ohio Café. Winners will receive two, one-day passes for free admission to the Ohio State Fair, two tickets to see Brad Paisley, and other prizes.

For additional information about the contest, visit [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov) or call 614-752-9817.

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