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GOVERNOR, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCE VISUAL ARTS CONTEST WINNERS

Students illustrate ways in which "Agriculture is Cool!"

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (July 25, 2012) – Governor John R. Kasich and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director David T. Daniels today announced the winners for the 2012 "Agriculture is Cool" visual arts contest. Ohio school children enrolled in school or home schooled during the 2011-2012 academic year shared their personal interpretation of why Ohio agriculture is "cool" for their chance to win concert tickets at the Ohio State Fair.

Entries, which included an original video, photographs, drawings, and paintings, were judged in the four different age categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Ten entries were selected as winners in their respective categories.

- K-2 Drawing: Isabella Yandura, Delaware, Delaware County, age 5
- K-2 Painting: Sarah Konecny, Perrysburg, Wood County, age 6
- K-2 Photograph: Asa DeMange, Versailles, Darke County, age 7
- K-2 Drawing: Luke Jennings, Felicity, Clermont County, age 8
- 3-5 Photograph: Emma Meagrow, Sandusky, Erie County, age 8
- 3-5 Drawing: Brandon Barr, Xenia, Greene County, age 9
- 6-8 Photograph: Ross Black, Ashville, Pickaway County, age 12
- 6-8 Painting: Samuel Stahl, Fostoria, Hancock County, age 12
- 6-8 Video: Spencer Channell, Powell, Delaware County, age 14
- 9-12 Photograph: Sydney Black, Ashville, Pickaway County, age 14

A painting produced by 12-year old Samuel Stahl of Fostoria was chosen as the 2012 "Best in Show" entry.

The winners were honored this afternoon by Governor John Kasich, Ohio Agriculture Director Daniels and Ohio State Fair Manager Virgil Strickler at a ceremony at the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

"Many people are not directly involved in agriculture, but every person in this state is touched by agriculture every single day," said Director Daniels. "The Ag is Cool! program is a way we can educate young people about the importance and diversity of this industry. I am proud to recognize all ten of our youth winners here today."

This year marks the second year of the contest, and the second year of the educational program that is featured at the Ohio State Fair, July 25-Aug. 5.

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