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**ODA EXTENDING SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR “AG IS COOL!”  
CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS CONTEST**

*School-Age Children (K-12) Can Enter to Win Cool Prizes Including Ohio State Fair Concert Tickets*

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (March 25, 2013) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture today announced it will be extending the deadline for the 2013 “Agriculture is Cool!” Creative Expressions contest. Ohio children enrolled in school or home schooled during the 2012-2013 academic year have until **May 15, 2013**, to capture their personal interpretation of why Ohio agriculture is cool for their chance to win prizes including Ohio State Fair concert tickets.

Entries, which can include an original video, photograph, drawing, or painting, will be judged in the following age categories. One winner from each age group and category will be chosen:

- 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

All entries will be judged by a panel of judges that may include representatives from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Office of the Governor, the Ohio Expo Center, and professionals in the areas of video production, photography, drawing, painting and other visual arts. Judging will be based on the student’s 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.

Award winners will be recognized by the Office of the Governor and other state officials at the Ohio State Fair on July 24, 2013.

For additional information about the contest, a complete copy of the rules and entry forms visit [www.ohioagriculture.gov/agiscool](http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/agiscool) or call 614-752-9817.

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