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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 31, 2013) – Governor John R. Kasich and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director David T. Daniels announced the winners for the 2013 "Agriculture is Cool" visual arts contest. Ohio school children enrolled in school or home schooled during the 2012-2013 academic year shared their personal interpretation of why Ohio agriculture is "cool" for their chance to win tickets to 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: Grace Draeger, Lindsey, Sandusky County, age 7
- K-2 Photograph: Asa DeMange, Versailles, Darke County, age 7
- 3-5 Drawing: Regan Draeger, Lindsey, Sandusky County, age 11
- 3-5 Drawing: Marlo Young, Cardington, Morrow County, age 9
- 3-5 Painting: Reegan Sheets, Perrysburg, Wood County, age 10
- 3-5 Photograph: Jessie Abke, Sidney, Shelby County, age 9
- 3-5 Video: Matthew John Harris, Powell, Franklin County, age 10
- 6-8 Drawing: Jared Draeger, Lindsey, Sandusky County, age 14
- 6-8 Photograph: Logan Schlauch, Big Prairie, Holmes County, age 11
- 9-12 Photograph: Heather Remy, Ray, Vinton County, age 17

The winners were honored by Governor John Kasich, Ohio Agriculture Director Daniels and Ohio State Fair Manager Virgil Strickler at a ceremony at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. During the ceremony, Matthew John Harris of Powell was announced as the "Best in Show" winner, and Marlo Young of Cardington was declared the "Director's Choice" winner.

"Agriculture isn't just about working on the farm, it could mean a career as a veterinarian, a scientist, or an economist," said Daniels. "It is important for young people to understand that there are incredible opportunities in Ohio agriculture on and off the farm. The Ag is Cool! program gives us a way to do that."

This year marks the third year of the contest, and the third year of the educational program that is featured at the Ohio State Fair, July 24-Aug. 4.

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