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ODA Launches 2016 “Ag is Cool!” Creative Expressions Contest

School-Age Children (K-12) Can Enter to Win a Trip to the Ohio State Fair

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (April 6, 2016) –The Ohio Department of Agriculture today announced it will begin accepting entries for the 2016 “Agriculture is Cool!” Creative Expressions contest. Children enrolled in school or home schooled in Ohio during the 2015-2016 academic year have until **June 6, 2016** to capture their personal interpretation of why Ohio agriculture is cool for their chance to win prizes, including tickets to the Ohio State Fair.

“Ag is Cool!” 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

Entries will be judged by a panel 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.

Winners of the art contest will be recognized by the Office of the Governor and other state officials at the Ohio State Fair on July 27, 2016.

For additional information about the contest, a complete copy of the rules and entry form visit <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/AgIsCool/> or call 614-752-9817.

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