



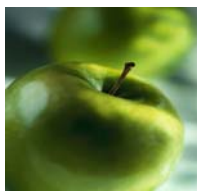
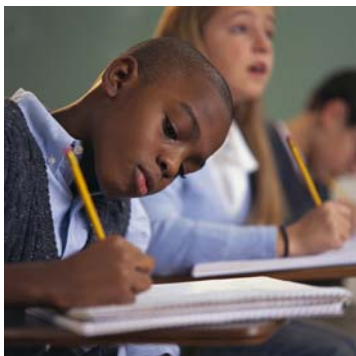
AGRICULTURE DAY

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Submit your essay or art work today:



"Young People in Agriculture: Learning, Doing, Dreaming"



For a complete list of rules, please contact Consumer Services @ [1-800-282-5852](tel:1-800-282-5852) or visit www.agr.state.ga.us

Deadline: All entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2008

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March 13 is designated as Agriculture Day in Georgia for 2008. To highlight the vital contributions farmers and agribusinesses make to our state and nation, the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Agriculture in the Classroom Council, Inc., are sponsoring an essay and photo/art contest for Georgia students. The theme for this year's contest is: "Young People in Agriculture: Learning, Doing, Dreaming".

The competition has two primary categories -- written and visual art. The written category for this theme is open to students in grades 4-8 and 9-12. **The visual art category is open to students in grades K-12.**

First, second and third place winners in all three categories will be awarded **\$200, \$100 and \$50 cash prizes, respectively**. Honorable mentions also will be named. Commissioner Tommy Irvin will invite all winners, honorable mentions and their guests to Atlanta for a special awards presentation, with a special guest, Governor George "Sonny" Perdue.

AGRICULTURE DAY 2008 - Official Contest Rules

Theme: "Young People in Agriculture: Learning, Doing, Dreaming".

Categories - Written and Visual General Guidelines

*** Name, age, grade, school, home county, home telephone number (including area code), and teacher's name must be typed or printed legibly in ink and attached to the top of written entries, artwork must include the same contact information attached on a separate sheet of paper.**

* The contest is restricted to Georgia residents. Winners will be announced in the Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin. Contest entries should be mailed to the Market Bulletin, Georgia Department of Agriculture, 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-4250.

* Deadline for entries is February 1, 2008. (postmarked)

* All entries become the property of the Georgia Department of Agriculture and cannot be returned to the owner.

Written Category Guidelines

* Students in grades 4-8 must prepare an essay of 100-250 words on our theme.

* Students in grades 9-12 must prepare an essay of 250-750 words on our theme.

Visual Art

* This category is open to students in grades K-12.

* Only one entry per person is allowed.

* Artwork may be done in pencil, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, oils, acrylics, ink or a combination of these media. Entries should be at least 8.5x11 inches and not larger than poster board size (28x30 inches). **No photographs.**

* Winning entries should reflect our theme or depict Georgia crops or a Georgia farm scene. Final selection will be based on composition, creativity and originality.

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Should you have any questions, please contact the Georgia Department of Agriculture, office of Consumer Affairs, 404.656.3645 (Atlanta) or 1-800-282-5852 (statewide).