

AGRICULTURE IN MONTANA SCHOOLS

Announces an educational design contest for grades K-6

Show Me and Teach Me about Montana Agriculture!

In recognition of AG WEEK, March 13, 2012, Agriculture in Montana Schools (AMS) is once again bringing the Show Me and Teach Me about Montana Agriculture Design Contest (formerly Bumper Sticker) to Montana's elementary school children. Eight state winners will be selected from entries received from Montana. There will be one state winner chosen from each grade and one over all winner chosen from two categories (previous years' winners or best overall). Winning entries will be printed on placemats, postcards, and window clings and will also be posted on the Agriculture in Montana School's website! Placemats will be distributed to school cafeterias and restaurants all across Montana!

This contest is a wonderful opportunity to bring Montana agriculture education into your classroom. Standards driven lessons and activities to go with the contest categories are available at our website: aginmontanaschools.org

Entry Categories

Grades K-1—**FARM ANIMALS IN MONTANA** (Show and teach others what you know about farm animals in Montana!)

Grade 2—**GROWN IN MONTANA** (Show and teach others about what agriculture crops are grown in Montana!)

Grade 3—**CATTLE OF MONTANA** (Ideas... the who, what, when, where, and why of cattle in Montana!)

Grade 4—**NOXIOUS WEEDS IN MONTANA** (A serious problem for agriculture in Montana!) Sponsored by the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund.

Grade 5—**GRAINS OF MONTANA** (Wheat, barley, and so many others!) Sponsored by the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee.

Grade 6—**AGRICULTURAL RELATED CAREERS IN MONTANA** (One in five jobs is an agriculture related career!)

CONTEST RULES:

1. All entries must be legible with clear printing on good quality paper suitable for printing. Cardstock works well. Best practices include neatly writing your slogan on the entry first with pencil, and then neatly tracing the slogan with a fine point marker or pen. Entries with

slogans written in pencil only are disqualified for reproducibility reasons.

2. Paper size—4" by 11" size. Keep 1/4" white margin all the way around!
3. 15 word maximum.
4. Each slogan must include the word "Montana"
5. The student's name, grade, school, school phone number, teacher's name and county on the back lower left hand corner of drawing.

Entries will be judged on:

Agricultural content.....	50%
Neatness.....	15%
Reproducibility.....	15%
Originality.....	20%

Entries shall be submitted to County Superintendent of Schools no later than Friday January 27, 2012. Each County Superintendent will choose one county winner from each grade. The seven county winners will be submitted by the County Superintendents to AMS by February 3, 2012. AMS will choose eight state winners from these entries. Entries postmarked after the February 3, 2012 deadline will not be judged. Winners will be announced by the end of February.

Each state winner will receive a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond, tours of Helena, meet the governor, and be honored guests at the Show Me and Teach Me about Montana Agriculture luncheon held during National Ag Week in March. The winning drawings will be used for reproduction and distributions. All entries become the property of AMS and will not be returned.

TEACHERS: PLEASE DO NOT SEND ENTRIES DIRECTLY TO AMS—WE WILL NOT ACCEPT MORE THAN 7 ENTRIES FROM EACH COUNTY AND THEY NEED TO COME FROM THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR A DESIGNATED REPLACEMENT. DELIVER ALL ENTRIES TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT IN YOUR AREA.

Address for inquiries and mailing county winning entries:

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You may view past winner's entries at aginmontanaschools.org

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