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NDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2023 AG POSTER CONTEST

LINCOLN – Today, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is adding to the celebration of National Ag Week by announcing the winners of this year’s annual poster contest. NDA received a record number of entries (more than 2,100) from students in grades 1-6 from around the state all highlighting agriculture, Nebraska’s number one industry.

“The students who participated in this year’s contest really understand how important agriculture is to Nebraska and had fun ways of showing how to celebrate our number one industry,” said NDA Director Sherry Vinton. “NDA teammates look forward to this poster contest every year and are amazed at how many talented, young artists we have in Nebraska. All the posters we received are winners in our eyes, and I’d like to thank everyone for participating.”

NDA announces the winners of its annual poster contest during National Ag Week to highlight the diversity of agriculture and to celebrate the food, feed and fuel that farmers, ranchers and ag industry workers provide every day. The winning posters and the names of the schools submitting entries are on NDA’s website at nda.nebraska.gov/kids.

The posters, depicting this year’s theme of “Celebrating Nebraska Agriculture,” were judged in three separate categories: first and second grade; third and fourth grade; and fifth and sixth grade. The poster contest is in its 20th year.

In the First and Second Grade Division:

- 1st place: Maleki McLeod, 2nd grade, Thedford Public Schools
- 2nd place: Isabel Larson, 2nd grade, St. Francis School in Humphrey
- 3rd place: Joel Adle, 2nd grade, Chase County Schools in Imperial
- Governor’s Choice: Easton McIntyre, 2nd grade, One-R Elementary School in Grand Island

In the Third and Fourth Grade Division:

- 1st place: Kamiyah Williams, 4th grade, Lincoln Elementary School in North Platte
- 2nd place: Claire Sievers, 4th grade, Randolph Public Schools
- 3rd place: Abby Durkop, 4th grade, Humphrey Elementary School
- Governor’s Choice: Riley Kliewer, 3rd grade, Waverly Intermediate School

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In the Fifth and Sixth Grade Division:

- 1st place: Kiersten Hans, 6th grade, Wynot Public Schools
- 2nd place: Vivian Tran, 5th grade, Cathedral of the Risen Christ School in Lincoln
- 3rd place: Abby Hickenbottom, 5th grade, Ansley Public School
- Governor's Choice: Addison Heard, 6th grade, Howells Community Catholic School

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MEDIA: Digital copies of the winning artwork are available
by emailing NDA's webmaster at agr.webmaster@nebraska.gov