

Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Director Greg Ibach today announced the beginning of the 10th annual NDA Agriculture Week in Nebraska Poster Contest. The contest is open to all Nebraska youth currently in first through sixth grades. This year's theme is "Nebraska Agriculture: What Farmers Do."

"Agriculture is our state's number one industry, and it is important for our youth to understand the role farmers and ranchers play in our everyday lives" said Ibach. "This contest gives teachers a prime opportunity to discuss agriculture and help students better understand where their food comes from."

The entry deadline for the contest is March 1. The winners will be announced during National Ag Week (March 17-23).

The contest is broken down into three age divisions: 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 grades.

Winning entries will be featured on the NDA web site and potentially in promotional materials and other publications.

Contest rules and official entry forms are available online at www.agr.ne.gov/kids. Contest questions can be directed to Christin Kamm at (402) 471-6856 or by e-mail at christin.kamm@nebraska.gov