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**NDA SPONSORS 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST,  
ENCOURAGES 1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS TO PARTICIPATE**

LINCOLN –Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Director Greg Ibach today announced the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> 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’s Family Farms.”

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

The entry deadline for the contest is March 3, 2014. The winners will be announced during National Ag Week (the week of March 24).

The contest is broken down into three age divisions:

- First and second grade students
- Third and fourth grade students
- Fifth and sixth grade students

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

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

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