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**STUDENTS: ENTER NDA'S ANNUAL AG POSTER CONTEST,
SHARE THE STORY OF NEBRASKA AG**

LINCOLN—The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is asking students to share the story of Nebraska agriculture by entering NDA's annual ag poster contest. The contest is in its 15th year and is open to all Nebraska students in grades 1-6. This year's theme, "Sharing the Story of Nebraska Agriculture," highlights the importance of our state's number one industry.

"Farm families work hard to provide us all with delicious, nutritious and affordable food, and this contest is a great opportunity for students to highlight the numerous contributions agriculture makes to our state," said NDA Director Steve Wellman. "We look forward to seeing the students' creativity as they share the story of Nebraska agriculture."

NDA's annual ag poster contest is divided into three age categories: first and second grade students; third and fourth grade students; and fifth and sixth grade students. Entries must be postmarked by the March 1, 2018, deadline.

"Agriculture is our state's number one industry, so it's important to share the story of Nebraska agriculture and show how diverse and expansive the ag industry is in Nebraska," Wellman said. "This contest also gives teachers and parents the opportunity to help children better understand the extensive role agriculture plays in their day-to-day lives."

NDA will announce the winners of the poster contest during National Ag Week, March 18-24, 2018. National Ag Week highlights the diversity of agriculture and celebrates the food, feed and fuel that farmers and ranchers provide every day. NDA will feature winning entries on its website and in promotional materials and publications.

Contest rules and official entry forms are available online at www.nda.nebraska.gov/kids. For more information, contact Christin Kamm at 402-471-6856 or by email at christin.kamm@nebraska.gov.

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