

“Agriculture is Cool” Teacher Incentive Contest Official Rules

- 1. Sponsors:** This contest is sponsored by Ohio’s agricultural organizations (Ohio Pork Producers Council, Ohio Cattlemen, Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, Ohio Poultry Association, Ohio Corn and Small Grain Growers, Ohio Soybean Council, American Dairy Association, and the Ohio Agriculture Council), the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and the Ohio Expositions Commission.
- 2. Terms and Conditions:** All participants, by virtue of their entry in this contest, agree to be bound by the applicable terms and conditions set forth in these official rules.
- 3. Eligible Participants:** Participant must be a legal resident of Ohio who will be teaching the fourth grade during the 2012-2013 school year. Qualifying Ohio teachers are invited to visit designated agricultural education stations at the 2013 Ohio State Fair. Qualifying Ohio teachers may enter the Ohio State Fair on any one (1) day for free upon presentation of a voucher available following registration at: www.agri.ohio.gov/agiscool. **Participants must view all of the agricultural education stations at the 2013 Ohio State Fair and complete an evaluation form to be eligible to enter the drawing.** Employees of Sponsors and employees’ immediate families are not eligible to win. Immediate family members include relatives living at the same address as an employee. Contest is void where prohibited by law.
- 4. How to Enter:** This contest will begin on July 24, 2013, and end at 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 2013. No Purchase Necessary to Win. Participant’s will complete their “Ag is Cool Passport” when visiting each agricultural education station. Passports and entry forms will be available at the “Ag is Cool” registration booth located in the Ohio Department of Agriculture tent (located just south of the Cardinal Gate) at the Ohio State Fair. All entries must include all requested contact information including name, address, phone number and email address. Prizes will be awarded to the eligible participant named on the winning entry. Winners will be chosen by a random drawing from all entries that complete the “Ag is Cool” experience at the 2013 Ohio State Fair. **Entries must be deposited in a collection box at the “Ag is Cool” booths in the Ag & Horticulture Building or at the Ohio Department of Agriculture tent no later than 4 p.m. August 4, 2013.**
- 5. Prizes awarded:** A total of two prize packages will be awarded. Each prize package will consist of a field trip for winning teacher’s classroom (up to 32 students) to a farm in their local area. The field trip will include reimbursement for school supplied transportation, trip organization, and on-site farm coordination. All fees are subject to the advance approval of the sponsors. The farm selected is the sole discretion of the sponsors. Trip date will be coordinated with school and farm schedules. Due to food allergies, sponsors will not provide food products. Winning teachers must supply a lesson plan within 14-days after farm selection. Lesson plan should describe, in detail, how the farm and Ohio agriculture will be incorporated into the lesson. Winners will be chosen by random drawings from all entries on Monday, August 5, 2013. Sponsors will award prizes only upon winner verification. Decisions of the Sponsors concerning any and all matters with respect to this contest shall be final. The Sponsors cannot be held responsible for any telecommunications systems, postal malfunctions and/or other submission failures that might impede an entrant’s ability to enter this contest. Lost, late, damaged, undelivered or illegible entries will not be considered for prizes. No substitutions or transfers of prizes shall be made, except within discretion of the Sponsors. **Winners will be notified via email or phone by August 10, 2013, and will have ten business days to accept the prize or they will be disqualified and an alternative winner will be selected.** If the winner fails to provide proper identification and sign the appropriate releases, or if the announced winner is determined to be an ineligible participant, the Sponsors shall declare the prize forfeited, and proceed to choose another winner from the remaining eligible entries. Winners release Sponsors and any other affiliates from liability for any loss, damage, or claim of property related to the participation in the contest and/or usage of the prize. The Sponsors reserve the final judgment on all matters pertaining to this contest including the right to change or modify the rules, or to discontinue or extend the contest without prior notice. Should contest Sponsors become aware of any hacking, security breaches, or other misconduct, sponsors reserve the right to discontinue the contest immediately.

6. **Odds of winning:** The odds of winning will be determined by the number of entries received. Two entries will be chosen as winners from all eligible entries.
7. **Entries property of contest sponsors:** All entry materials become the property of the State of Ohio upon receipt. Winners shall allow the State of Ohio to use their name, likeness, and contest entry materials for all purposes, including but not limited to promotional or educational related purposes, without compensation or prior notice.
8. **Privacy Statement:** Any personal information collected by the Sponsors is subject to Ohio's sunshine laws and may be deemed to be a public record. This information could become public if a public records request is received seeking information about this contest.
9. **Applicable law:** The parties agree that any legal action proceeding or relating to this contest shall be instituted in a state court sitting in Columbus, Ohio, which shall be the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any legal proceedings. Participants hold all responsibility to comply with any applicable federal, state or local laws in connection with their contest entry or prize winnings.
10. **Tax responsibility:** Winners shall assume any and all responsibility as to federal, state or local taxes due in connection with the prize.
11. **Obtaining Rules:** A copy of these official rules will be posted on the Ohio Department of Agriculture's website: www.agri.ohio.gov.