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KDA Announces Agriculture Photo Contest

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is hosting a photo contest through June 30, 2012. KDA is asking Kansans to submit photographs that display all aspects of Kansas agriculture, from the scenic landscapes and livestock to the machinery and small to large-scale agriculture facilities.

KDA is not only looking for scenic photos but also pictures of Kansas agriculture at work. Examples include crops and machinery in the field, feed yards, people working livestock, feed mills, processing plants, crop harvesting, and other agriculture businesses and activities.

The categories for the competition are youth, adult, professional and KDA employees. The youth category is open to individuals who were 18 years old or younger on January 1, 2012. Individuals aged 19 and older as of January 1, 2012 fill the adult category unless they are a professional photographer. A professional is someone who makes a substantial amount of their living taking photographs.

The photographer of the winning photo in each category will receive \$100 gift cards. Photographers of the runner-up photos in each category will receive \$50 gift cards. Individuals may submit more than one photo if they desire to do so.

"Kansas is as green now as it gets," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman. "This is a great opportunity to go out and capture what a beautiful and functional agricultural state we live in."

Contest entries will be used on international trips to give people around the world an idea of what Kansas agriculture looks like. The photos will also be used on the www.ksda.gov website, in publications, on social media and shared with other Kansas agriculture groups.

Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to PhotoContest@kda.ks.gov. Entries should include:

- A title and brief description of each photo
- When and where the photo was taken
- Photographer's full name
- Photographer category (youth/adult/professional or KDA employee)
- Hometown
- Email address

Alternatively, CDs containing photo files and accompanied by all of the required information may be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Kansas Department of Agriculture
Attn.: Communications
109 SW 9th St., 4th Floor
Topeka, KS 66612

Photos must be submitted no later than midnight on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Winners will be announced by July 31, 2012.

In submitting photos, the photographer gives the Kansas Department of Agriculture permission to use them in any publications, social media, websites, displays, and other places without payment or other consideration. Additionally, by submitting a photo that includes human subjects, the photographer is indicating they have obtained full permission from those subjects for the photograph to be used in these manners as well.

If you have any questions about the competition, contact KDA Communications Director Chelsea

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