

— ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 16, 2016—

ESSAY COMPETITION
DEPARTMENT “FF1”

Total Premiums Offered—\$740



JUDGES: News and Observer's Newspapers in Education and NCDA&CS

Write an essay on the N.C. State Fair using the topic listed under the appropriate class:

***Please note: 6th thru 12th grades must cite sources and give credit for all data and information as needed.**

Essay questions for the 2016 N.C. State Fair – The theme of this year’s questions focuses on farms being the source of all food. The Field of Dreams exhibit will feature themed gardens showcasing the plants and commodities that make up some of your favorite meals. (Hint: Think tacos, pizza, sub sandwiches and Thanksgiving!) Many people are several generations removed from the farm, so they did not grow up raising their own food. The Field of Dreams exhibit will help people make the connection.

CLASS 101

Lot No.

FF00001: **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** (Explain in 40 words or less.)

Pick your favorite: tacos, pizza or subs and draw a picture of that food along with what North Carolina crops could be part of that meal. Add a short description of what you put on your pizza, taco or sub.

FF00002: **3rd through 5th grade** (Essay-150 words or less)

Farmers in the western part of the state grow many different types of apples, including red, golden and green ones. They can be enjoyed in a variety of ways. Write about three different apple products that you can enjoy as part of a healthy meal or snack.

FF00003: **6th through 8th grade** (Essay-500 words or less) * Must cite sources. See note above.

North Carolina farmers grow corn and wheat, essential ingredients in many foods we eat every day. Using tacos, pizza and subs as examples, explain the products that wheat and corn are used in, and explain how those products are made.

FF00004: **9th through 12th grade** (Essay 500-650 words) * Must cite sources. See note above.

Today, less than 2 percent of the world’s population is involved in growing the food everyone enjoys. World demand for food is expected to increase 70 to 100 percent by 2050. Farmers will need to increase production globally to meet that demand. Explain some of the challenges facing farmers and some of the areas where we will need to focus attention to meet these projected increases.

INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

The General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department. Be sure to read these rules before entering or competing in this department. Some additional rules are:

1. Competition is open to residents of North Carolina only.
2. Entries must be mailed with entry form (next page) to the NC State Fair Entry Office, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607.
3. Entries **must be received** by September 16, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.
4. Winners' names will be displayed on the N.C. State Fair website and winning entries will run in the News and Observer.
5. One entry per exhibitor.

PREMIUMS	1st	2nd	3rd	HM
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10
3rd - 5th Grade	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10
6th - 8th Grade	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10
9th - 12th Grade	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10

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2016 ENTRY FORM

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Please accept the following entries, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Fair, as published in the online Premium List, by which I agree to be governed in exhibiting. All statements made in connection with said entries are true.

A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT
NAME OF PERSON WHO IS TO RECEIVE PREMIUM CHECK

Exhibitor's Full Legal Name:

First _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

SS# Matching Exhibitor's Name* _____

***PARENTS: DO NOT LIST YOUR SS# ON BEHALF OF YOUR CHILDREN**

Address (Apt. #, R.F.D., P.O. Box, or Apt. #) _____

City, State, Zip+4 _____

County _____ Phone _____

Student/Teacher e-mail address _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS ENTERING CLASS SETS OF ESSAYS: Please fill out the student name, school, county, phone and your e-mail address. The Fair will contact you if one of your students wins the competition. **All prize money will go to the individual who wrote the essay, provided the individual provides their Social Security Number on this form or on the online entry form by the registration deadline. Social Security Numbers will not be collected after the entry deadline.* (See #2 below.)**

IMPORTANT IRS INFORMATION: **Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require that we have the Social Security Number (SSN) which corresponds to the name to whom the check for prize money is written.** If we are notified by the IRS that the SSN does not match the name of record, we will have to backup withholding taxes and you may be subject to a \$50 penalty by the IRS. A separate form should be used for each SSN. You must provide this information to be eligible for prize money. Also IRS regulations state that any prize money totaling \$600 or more in a calendar year must be reported on a Form 1099.

Signature _____

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to register their exhibits without disclosing a SSN.
2. **Exhibitors are fully aware that choosing NOT to disclose their FULL SSN at the time of registration (paper entry forms or online), EVEN IF THE EXHIBITOR HAS SUBMITTED AN ENTRY IN THE PAST, forfeits any and all premium monies they were entitled to.**
3. State Fair staff WILL NOT contact winning exhibitors who did not submit their SSN at the time of registration, and WILL NOT have access to or reference Social Security Numbers submitted in previous years.
4. State Fair staff WILL NOT accept any calls/emails/etc. from winning exhibitors who choose not to disclose their SSN at the time of registration.
5. Prizes such as ribbons, medals, rosettes and plaques will be awarded to winning exhibitors who do not disclose their SSN at the time of registration.

Class Number: 101; Lot Number: _____

Grade Level: _____

Essay Title: _____

Mail form to: NC State Fair Entry Office,
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Raleigh, NC 27607