



## The North Carolina Farm to School **Calendar Contest**



Have your students create artwork for the 2022-23 North Carolina Farm to School Calendar, which features facts about agriculture in our state. Artwork should feature

### **North Carolina Agriculture**

North Carolina is a diverse agricultural state. Our farmers grow a variety of fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, seafood, horticultural and forestry products. The NC Farm to School calendar will highlight the diversity of our agriculture throughout the state.

THIRTEEN entries will be chosen to illustrate the calendar for the 2022-23 school year. All North Carolina public school students in grades Kindergarten through Five are eligible to participate.

### **Entry Details**

Artwork entered in the contest **MUST** reflect the theme of **North Carolina Agriculture**, and feature only crops, livestock or other agriculture grown in our state. While previous winner's artwork can be used as inspiration, it should not be replicated for entries in this year's contest. You can view previous winners artwork a [www.ncfarmtoschool.com](http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com).

Students' artwork must be original and done completely by the student. Do not use ruled notebook paper.

Markers, crayon, watercolor, ink, pencil, acrylic, tempera paint, chalk (spray with sealant) or colored pencils can be used. Mixed media art is acceptable. **No 3-dimensional art (unless flat), paint-by-number, commercial art kit or computer-generated art.**

Words included on the art must be spelled correctly and legible, or work will be disqualified. Student names should not be written on the front. The theme does not need to be written on the artwork. Do not write on the backside with marker or pen as it will show through when scanned and may cause the artwork to be disqualified.

**SIZE:** Entries must be 11 x 8.5 inches or 9 x 12 inches. **HORIZONTAL** (Landscape) pictures only.

Entries must be flat. Do not fold, matte, mount, laminate or frame art. Use of cartoon characters and logos is not acceptable.

### **Entry Submission**

All entries must be **received** (not postmarked) by **December 3, 2021**. Only one entry per artist. There is no limit to the number of entries per school.

This year we are accepting entries two different ways. Please read this section carefully, as failure to follow submission requirements could result in disqualification.

Teachers who have both face-to-face and virtual students can submit entries both ways. An entry should only be submitted once, either by mail or email.

1. Original artwork can be mailed in by either the teacher or parent. If mailing in entries, an official entry form or copy **MUST** be completed and securely taped to the back of each entry. Please do not staple or glue forms to artwork. Make sure each entry is filled out completely and that writing is legible. Artwork will not be or returned.

Mail artwork to:  
NCDA&CS - Horticulture Marketing Division  
1020 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1020  
Attention: Farm to School

2. Digital images of artwork can be emailed in by either the teacher or parent. The image must be high resolution. Photoshopping of images is not allowed. If emailing entries, the information from the official entry form **MUST** be included in the email message. Please put the teacher contact information (name, school, county and email) at the top of the email and then list student name, grade and attachment number.

Multiple entries can be sent in the same email. Please separate entries by grade and send only entries from the same grade in the same email. Email entries to [ncfarmtoschool@ncagr.gov](mailto:ncfarmtoschool@ncagr.gov)

If artwork is chosen to advance to the second round of judging, teachers will be notified, and the original artwork must be mailed in. Failure to mail in original artwork will result in disqualification.

## **Judging**

There will be two rounds of judging. All digital images and hard copy images will be judged in this round with the number of entries narrowed down. During this round, entries are judged by grade, so if emailing entries please separate them by grade.

If a digital image advances to the next round of judging, the teacher will be notified, and the original will be required to be mailed it. If the original is not received by the deadline for finals judging, the image will be disqualified. Only hard copies of artwork will be judged in the finals round.

Teachers will be notified of the results in March 2022.

## **Awards**

A certificate of participation will be emailed to teachers for them to complete and distribute to all students who enter. Thirteen students will receive a \$50 gift card and their artwork will be featured in the 2022-23 NC Farm to School Calendar. Finalists will be featured in the calendar's centerfold. Winners, finalists and honorable mentions will appear on [www.ncfarmtoschool.com](http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com). Winners will be recognized at an awards reception in May 2022.

## **The Calendar**

All teachers who have student entries will receive a copy of the 2022-23 calendar. School Nutrition Directors will be given the opportunity to pre-order calendars for their school district before the school year. Every effort will be made to meet requests, but quantities are limited. Additional calendars will be available through NCDA&CS on a first-come, first serve basis. Sponsored by NC Grange, calendars will be available free of charge.

## Questions?

If you have questions, please email [heather.barnes@ncagr.gov](mailto:heather.barnes@ncagr.gov).

*All entries will become the property of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and will not be returned. NCDA&CS reserves the right to publish entries in future publications without additional compensation, in any manner and at its sole discretion in all advertising materials. A parent/guardian of winning artists will be asked to sign a consent form for art to be used. If a consent form is not signed in a timely manner, another entry will be chosen in its place and any award will be forfeited.*

### **COPY THIS ENTRY FORM**

#### **ENTRY FORM (Please Type or Print CLEARLY)**

**One entry per student. This form must accompany each piece of artwork. Please TAPE – not Glue or Staple – Form to Back of Art**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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