



2015 “How Do Farmers Turn Waste Into Something Useful”

Essay Contest

Sponsored by South Dakota Ag in the Classroom
and South Dakota Farm Families



Rules:

1. Open to any 3rd and 4th grade student in the state of South Dakota.
2. Students should use the topic “**How Do Farmers Turn Waste Into Something Useful**” as the inspiration for their essays. The focus should be on ways farmers and ranchers reuse, reduce and recycle nutrients and natural resources.
3. Essays should be a minimum of 100 words, maximum of 250 words in length. Sources of information should be listed.
4. Essays must be typed. **Please include your name, grade and school on the top of the essay.** A completed entry form must accompany the essay.
5. Essays are due **April 4, 2015**, and should be sent to:

Ag Week Essay Contest
c/o South Dakota Ag in the Classroom
PO Box 402
Miller, SD 57362

Or e-mailed to

sdagclassroom@yahoo.com with “Ag Week Essay Contest” in the subject line

6. One third grade and one fourth grade winner will be chosen. Winners will be announced on the South Dakota Ag in the Classroom and South Dakota Farm Families Facebook pages by April 10, 2015. The teacher of the winning student will be notified via e-mail as well.
7. The winner will receive a classroom pizza party on a date to be determined by the teacher and South Dakota Farm Families staff.
 - a. South Dakota Farm Families will furnish the supplies for the party and bring along an agricultural producer to discuss what part of the pizza he/she produces.
 - b. Parents of the winning student will be invited to join the party as well.
 - c. Student will be invited to read his/her winning essay in front of class and receive a certificate of congratulations.
 - d. The winning essay will be published on the South Dakota Ag in the Classroom and South Dakota Farm Families websites and Facebook pages (using only the student’s first name and school as identifying information).
 - e. The teacher of the winning student will receive a prize pack as well, containing lessons, activities and information from South Dakota Ag in the Classroom and South Dakota Farm Families.
8. **This essay contest can be used to help students meet the following South Dakota Department of Education standards: 3.W.1; 3.W.4; 3.W.5; 3.W.6; 3.W.7; 3.L.1b-f; 3.L.2; 3.L.3b; 4.W.1; 4.W.4; 4.W.5; 4.W.6; 4.W.7; 4.L.1b-g; 4.L.2; 4.L.3a,b**



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(Please type or print.)

Student Name: _____ **Gender:** _____

School Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

School Address: _____

Teacher’s Name: _____

Teacher’s E-mail Address: _____

How did your teacher/parent find out about this contest? _____

Please have your parents read the following and sign below:

The undersigned (on my behalf and, if applicable, on behalf of my child/children), hereby authorizes South Dakota Ag in the Classroom and South Dakota Farm Families and their affiliates to use, publish, circulate and reprint photographs, digital or printed materials, images or other forms of data identifying, showing or depicting me or created by me (or, if applicable, my child/children) in any publication, website, Facebook, other Internet site, press release, any other media, and all derivative works and other uses.

Name of Student: _____
(print name)

Dated: _____

Signature of Parent (if student is under age 18)
Name: _____
(print name)