

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 20, 2017

Ag Day Poster Contest

MEMPHIS, TN --- On Tuesday March 21, 2017, in celebration of National Ag Day, Agricenter International will award nine 3rd through 8th graders cash prizes for their entries in the Ag Day Poster Contest. The winners, their families, principals, and art teachers will be honored with a luncheon which is sponsored by National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA). *The media is encouraged to attend the awards ceremony, but this is not open to the general public.*

This year, Shelby County Mayor **Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.**, Deputy Commissioner **Tom Womack** of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, and Shelby County Commissioner **David Reaves** and will be among the presenters of the awards.

The winning posters are displayed first in Nashville at the War Memorial Building, then on a rotating basis in the Vasco A. Smith Shelby County Administration Building, at Agricenter International, and other agricultural facilities in the Shelby County area.

Tim Roberts, Director of Education at Agricenter, says **“The entries this year were outstanding, and the judges had a difficult time deciding on the winners.”**



This is a photo from the 2016 winners.

Background of the contest:

The Ag Day Poster Contest is held in honor of National Ag Day as a celebration of agriculture and its producers. Each year, a different topic is given to students for their interpretation through art. This year's theme was "Agriculture: Food for Life."

Students compete in three divisions: 3rd-4th grade, 5th-6th grade, and 7th-8th grade. First place winners of each division are awarded \$100, second place winners \$50, and third place winners receive \$25. The first place winners' teachers also receive \$50.

Agricenter International, a 1,000 acre farm, is a non-profit dedicated to agricultural research, education, and conservation. It has a \$524 million annual economic impact on the region, hosts over 1.3 million visitors annually, and has educated tens of thousands of students. For more information visit www.agricenter.org or call 901-757-7777.

###