

## 2015 Agriculture Week Essay Contest

*A partnership between the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Department of Agriculture & Georgia Grown in celebration of the Governor's Agriculture Day and National Agriculture Week.*

### **Eligibility**

- Any Georgia public school student enrolled in grades 6-12 for the 2014-15 school year is eligible to participate.
- Each school is eligible to submit their top three essays to the Georgia Department of Education for state recognition.

### **Essay Guidelines**

- All essays should focus on the 2015 theme, “*Agriculture in my county & state: What does agriculture do for me?*”
- To be considered, essays must be a minimum of two and a maximum of three typed pages, and must meet the following specifications: double spaced; 12 point, Times New Roman font; 1” margins
- Essays must be the original work of the student submitting the entry.
- Data and information found through research and shared in the essay should be properly cited, using APA style within the essay; ensuring that the author of that information is given full credit.
- Essays found to have been plagiarized in any way are subject to disqualification.

### **Timeline**

- Essays should be written in correspondence with the Governor's Agriculture Day celebration on March 10, 2015, and the national Agriculture Week celebration on March 15-21.
- The top three essays from each school are due to the Georgia Department of Education no later than Friday, April 3.
- Essays submitted to the Georgia Department of Education can be submitted in hard copy form (mail) or electronic format (email); and must be received by the April 3 deadline.
- State winners will be announced via press release by April 17, 2015.

Mail entries to:

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Agricultural Education Program  
1752 Twin Towers East  
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