September 2010

Dear Principal:

Youth and **Agriculture** are two of the most valuable resources Indiana has to offer. The Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies recognizes their importance to our state by providing thousands of eighth grade students the opportunity to creatively express their ideas and suggestions regarding the importance of agriculture. Winners will be recognized with prizes provided by Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, which include $50 U.S. Savings Bonds and an all-expense paid trip to our nation's capitol.

We need your leadership and assistance to involve the students of your school in addressing the essay topic: "Agriculture: Then and Now." We have enclosed a poster with detailed information regarding the contest criteria, and ask you to do the following things:

1. Encourage your English, Science and other appropriate teachers to alert **8th grade** students to this writing opportunity;
2. Display the enclosed poster in your school;
3. Submit, by **November 1, 2010**, your school's essays to your county Farm Bureau Woman Leader (see attached listing for address).

The Indiana Farm Bureau is responsible for judging all essays, and will be selecting county, district and state winners. One male and one female winner will be selected from each county. They will then compete at the district level, where one male and one female winner will be chosen. The male and female state winners, selected from the district level competitors, will be announced at the Indiana Farm Bureau Spring Conference, March 11, 2011. Awards information and essay criteria are outlined on the poster.

We trust you will encourage participation by your 8th grade students in this effort to create a greater awareness of the significance of agriculture to our state and to our personal lives. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Georgiana Reynal, of Senator Lugar's office, (317) 226-5555, or Indiana Farm Bureau Inc., (317) 692-7830.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
U.S. Senator

Sincerely,

Isabella Chism
Second Vice President
Indiana Farm Bureau

Sincerely,

Jerry Canada
Executive Vice President & CEO
Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies

Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Youth Essay Contest

Essay Theme:

"Agriculture: Then and Now"

Agriculture has a long and rich history in Indiana but what does it mean to you? Consider the many ways Hoosier farmers impact your daily life and then describe the significance of our agricultural heritage, the state of agriculture today and its importance to our future.

Judging Criteria for the Essays:

Required qualifications for essays:

- 8 1/2" x 11" plain white, typing paper
- Black ink
- 1" margins on top, bottom and both sides
- 300 words maximum
- Essays may be typed or handwritten. If essay is handwritten, please use blue or black ink and print or write very legibly.
- Cover pages with name, sex, school, county, home address (include street/PO Box, city and zip code) and phone number, parents' names, and name of supervising teacher
- Each additional page is to have the name of student and page number in top right corner.
- All pages are to be stapled together.
- Essays will be submitted to the Farm Bureau Woman Leader in the county where the school is located.
- Essay must be postmarked on, or before November 1, 2010, and sent to the Farm Bureau County Woman Leader.

Essays will be reviewed and ranked according to the quality of the following:

- Correct use of grammar and punctuation - 15 points
- Spelling - 15 points
- Understanding of the topic - 20 points
- Neatness and overall appearance of the essay - 15 points
- Originality and creativity - 25 points

Attention: 8th Graders

2009-2010 Winners: Left to right - 2nd Vice President Isabella Chism, Jordan Cadle, Senator Lugar, and Layne Sanders

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Contest information should be obtained from your principal's office - all student essays must be mailed to your Farm Bureau County Woman Leader by school principal and/or supervising teacher.

Additional information may be obtained by calling: (317) 692-7830.

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Awards:

- State winners: all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for each winner and two parents or legal guardians. Additional children may go, but all expenses must be paid by the family before the trip.
- District winners: $50.00 U.S. Savings Bond
- County winners: award certificates (1 boy / 1 girl winner per division)

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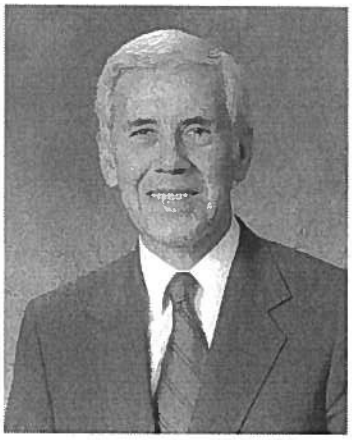

History

In 1985, Senator Richard G. Lugar, Ranking Minority Member, U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, joined with Indiana Farm Bureau, in sponsorship of a youth essay contest for 8th grade students which would focus attention on the importance of Indiana agriculture.

Purpose

The contest is designed to increase the awareness of young Hoosiers as to the significance of Indiana agriculture, how it relates to the food supply and to their personal health. They are encouraged to consider and then creatively express what effect Indiana agriculture has on their daily lives.

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Contest Information

All students' essays must be mailed by the school principal or another designated school authority as we encourage the full support of the local school administrations. Should additional information be required, the principal or you should contact Indiana Farm Bureau at (317) 692-7830.

(Reverse side includes all specific contest criteria. Schools are urged to post the criteria so students will have complete information regarding the essay requirements.)

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Send your completed essays to the person listed for the county in which your school is located by **November 1, 2010**.

County	First	Last	Address	City	Zip
Adams	MISTY	GEHRES	8766 N 500 W	DECATUR	467336843
Allen	CYNTHIA	BERNING	7536 HOAGLAND RD	HOAGLAND	467459716
Bartholomew	LOIS	BONNELL	5950 E 350 N	COLUMBUS	472039313
Benton	GLENDA	WALLPE	883 E 200 S	FOWLER	479448204
Blackford	CRISTI	AULBACH	1142 S 600 E	HARTFORD CITY	473489035
Boone	GINNY	RODGERS	4100 S 500 W	LEBANON	460529429
Brown	CHARLES	GAITHER	5761 GAITHER HILL LN	NINEVEH	461649174
Carroll	JANICE	FREY	6370 W 650 S	ROSSVILLE	460659046
Cass	PEG	SULLIVAN	6683 LOGANSPORT RD	LOGANSPORT	469478869
Clark	SHERYL	ADAM	2780 PERRY CROSSING RD	SELLERSBURG	471729340
Clay	MARY	SCHROER	7346 E COUNTY ROAD 100 S	BOWLING GREEN	478338037
Clinton	PAT	BURKHALTER	4098 N COUNTY ROAD 950 W	MULBERRY	460589523
Crawford	VICKIE	KINSER	10745 S COUNTY ROAD 680 E	MARENGO	471407093
Daviess	KAREN	RIGGLE	2249 E 400 S	WASHINGTON	475017791
Dearborn	JAN	UHLMANSIEK	16195 STATE ROAD 148	AURORA	470013006
Decatur	KATE	BEDEL	7754 S COUNTY ROAD 250 E	GREENSBURG	472409643
Dekalb	DORTHA	REINHART	4220 COUNTY ROAD 71	BUTLER	467219727
Delaware	BEVERLY	BERRY	2901 E COUNTY ROAD 800 N	EATON	473389247
Dubois	JANE	DURCHOLZ	4308 S STATE ROAD 162	HUNTINGBURG	475429467
Elkhart	CAROL	LOUCKS	60633 STATE ROAD 19	ELKHART	465179419
Fayette	STEVE	KAISER	5165 E STATE ROAD 44	CONNERSVILLE	473319101
Floyd	BETTE	BUECHLER	2878 BALMER FENWICK RD	FLOYDS KNOBS	471198746
Fountain	LINDA	CROFT	2750 E 20 S	HILLSBORO	479498081
Franklin	MARTHA	BERGMAN	14003 E ROBERTS RD	BROOKVILLE	470128206
Fulton	DOTTIE	SOMMERS	9170 S 1100 W	KEWANNA	469398560
Gibson	SUE	STUCKEY	2223 W 350 N	PATOKA	47666
Grant	KAREN	COMER	5040 W 900 S	FAIRMOUNT	469289764
Greene	ALETA	CROWE	1905 W 100 S	BLOOMFIELD	474245004
Hamilton	CARLY	KAKASULEFF	9619 E 241ST	CICERO	46034
Hancock	HEATHER	HILL	3481 S MORRISTOWN PIKE	GREENFIELD	46140
Harrison	MELISSA	JONES	12640 N BRADFORD RD NE	PALMYRA	471647913
Hendricks	MARGARET	GLADDEN	3208 N COUNTY ROAD 500 E	DANVILLE	461228683
Henry	BOBETTA	JESTER	5725 N COUNTY ROAD 800 E	MOORELAND	473609746
Howard	IRIS	ELLER	8785 W 00 NS	KOKOMO	469019783
Huntington	PHYLLIS	LITTLE	26 OAK DR	N MANCHESTER	469629656
Jackson	JUDITH	STUCKWISCH	1358 N STATE ROAD 11	SEYMOUR	472748454
Jasper	LINDA	VANDERMOLEN	7216 N 200 W	RENSSELAER	479787541
Jay	DELORIS	LOWE	7606 E 300 S	DUNKIRK	473369592
Jefferson	SHARON	SCHAFER	2006 E SCHAFER RD	MADISON	472508326
Jennings	MARYANN	MASCHINO	7845 W COUNTY ROAD 400 S	NORTH VERNON	472656943
Johnson	ABBY	NICHOLS	69 TRAILS END ST	GREENWOOD	461423409
Knox	KAREN	HAZELMAN	6092 E RIDGLEYVILLE RD	VINCENNES	475918881
Kosciusko	LENORE	LEWIS	8437 W SHILLING RD	MENTONE	465399578
Lagrange	JO	GUNTHORP	240 N 850 E	LAGRANGE	467619678
Lake	SUSIE	HAYDEN	4203 E 173RD AVE	HEBRON	463419038
Laporte	SUZANNE	BURNS	9076 W 200 S	LA PORTE	463507823
Lawrence	CYNTHIA	HUNTER	1922 MUNDELL CHURCH RD	HELTONVILLE	474368750
Madison	NEAL	SMITH	7055 W 675 S	PENDELTON	460649719

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Marion	RAYLEE	HONEYCUTT	3090 SANDPIPER SOUTH DR	INDIANAPOLIS	462683227
Marshall	BETTY	WADE	18828 9C RD	PLYMOUTH	465639468
Martin	KATHY	LINGENFELTER	1413 STATE ROAD 550	LOOGOOTEE	47553
Miami	JEANETTE	MERRITT	2339 W 500 S	PERU	469707788
Monroe	JOYCE	PEDEN	6000 N MAPLE GROVE RD	BLOOMINGTON	474049543
Montgomery	SUSAN	SMITH	1925 E 800 N	CRAWFORDSVLLE	479337314
Morgan	BETTY	NEED	5265 E CENTENARY RD	MOORESVILLE	461586863
Newton	AVALYNNE	COOPER	10246 S 550 E	GOODLAND	479488021
Noble	BONNIE	MAURER	616 N 500 E	ALBION	467019521
Ohio	CARROLL	MOORE	4101 STATE ROUTE 262	RISING SUN	470409139
Orange	BLANCHE	HALL	2789 S COUNTY ROAD 50 W	PAOLI	474549533
Owen	KEN	SEBASTIAN	8594 PATRICKSBURG RD	SPENCER	474606334
Parke	TREVA	SMITH	3382 S 500 E	ROCKVILLE	478727033
Perry	GINGER	MULLIS	3133 CARLETON RD	SIBERIA	475159081
Pike	AMANDA	POTTS	4590 S ROYALTY RD	WINSLOW	475988727
Porter	KATY	RUST	114 W 950 S	KOUTS	463479707
Posey	CHRISTINA	SEIFERT	7105 UPPER MT VERNON RD	MOUNT VERNON	47620
Pulaski	JEANETTE	PODELL	4606 W 500 N	WINAMAC	469967994
Putnam	BETH	EVANS	1264 N US HIGHWAY 231	GREENCASTLE	461358869
Randolph	JANE	NEWBAUER	2485 W 400 N	WINCHESTER	473949423
Ripley	CONNIE	BECKLEY	2066 S COUNTY ROAD 750 E	DILLSBORO	470189680
Rush	MARTI	MULLIS	1206 N ARTHUR ST	RUSHVILLE	461731023
Scott	SHEILA	MCNEELY	2259 W CRAIG RD	UNDERWOOD	471776727
Shelby	TRISHA	STEVENS	4000 S 700 E	WALDRON	461829516
Spencer	ERIN	VAAL	18059 N STATE ROAD 545	SAINT MEINRAD	475779625
Starke	JUDY	TROIKE	1775 S 300 W	NORTH JUDSON	463668558
Steuben	MARY	POWELL	8434 W 100 S	HUDSON	467479723
St. Joseph	LINDA	SIKORSKI	29701 INWOOD RD	NORTH LIBERTY	465549603
Sullivan	RUSTY	DECKARD	4501 S COUNTY ROAD 425 E	SULLIVAN	478827731
Switzerland	RUTH	LOHIDE	14367 NORTH STATE RD 56	BENNINGTON	47011
Tippecanoe	MARY ANNE	WORKMAN	4366 W 850 N	W LAFAYETTE	479069628
Tipton	ELSA	SMITH	5361 W 350 S	TIPTON	460728956
Union	LINDA	BROOKBANK	3279 S US HIGHWAY 27	LIBERTY	473539579
Vanderburgh	CYNTHIA	MAASBERG	15465 BIG CYNTHIANA RD	EVANSVILLE	477207315
Vermillion	JANE	CHEESEWRIGHT	8178 S 300 W	DANA	478478007
Vigo	KATY	CHICKADAUNCE	705 W MIDDLETOWN DR	FARMERSBURG	47850
Wabash	JUDY	RINGEL	2788 N STATE ROAD 13	WABASH	469927766
Warren	JODIE	WESTON	6263 W DIVISION RD	WEST LEBANON	479918073
Warrick	BONITA	WATSON	755 S DECKER RD	BOONVILLE	476019005
Washington	SUE	CHASTAIN	459 S SYCAMORE ST	CAMPBELLSBURG	471089004
Wayne	GENEVA	RUSK	10072 COLVIN RD	CENTERVILLE	473309662
Wells	KIM	BARGER	7336 E 500 N	CRAIGVILLE	467319722
White	MARLA	STORM	3854 E CHALMERS RD	MONTICELLO	479607727
Whitley	KEVIN	OUSLEY	4863 S RABER RD	COLUMBIA CITY	467259218