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Young Artists Awarded for Agricultural Art

Topeka, Kan. – The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom and the Kansas Department of Agriculture are proud to announce the winners of the 2007 Post Card Art Contest.

The grand prize winner, Daria Hever, is a third grader from Washington County. She will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond for her imaginative illustration of a farm scene within a cute pink pig.

First prize winners selected from each grade level will receive a \$50 savings bond. Those winners are Ethan Cochrane, a kindergartner from Reno County; Caleb Richter a first grader from Washington County; Jayden McCall, a second grader from Doniphan County; Joseph Raat, a third grader from Rooks County; Ye Ju Hwang, a fourth grader from Ford County; Becca Adcock, a fifth grader from Chase County; and Seung Ju Hwang, a sixth grader from Ford County.

“I’m inspired by the exceptional talent of this group of students and how they were able to capture the theme of this year’s contest, *Fabric, Food & Fuel From the Farm*,” said Adrian Polansky, secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture. “It’s clear they notice the agricultural landscape that spans our entire state.”

The winners will receive awards at a special ceremony with Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius on Kansas Agriculture Day at the Statehouse on March 20. Savings bonds will be presented by Secretary Polansky at the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Each winner also will receive printed copies of their artwork on real postcards and be invited to tour the dome of the Kansas State Capitol.

There were 870 entries from 58 classrooms in 39 Kansas counties in this year’s contest. Artwork was judged on relevance to theme, creativity, originality, use of color, use of space, and clarity of idea and image.

“This is a wonderful way for students to not only showcase their talent but also their understanding of the role agriculture plays in their daily lives,” said Cathy Musick, executive director of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

County representatives, legislators and the winning students’ teachers and families have been invited to attend the awards ceremony. Winning artwork will be displayed at the Kansas Department of Agriculture on March 20. It also can be viewed on the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom website at www.ksagclassroom.org.

The post card art contest has been a part of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom since 1999.

March 20 schedule of events:

9:00 AM – Welcome and Introductions by Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director, at the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Fourth Floor, 109 SW 9th Street, Topeka.

9:30 AM – Presentation of Awards by Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Governor’s Ceremonial Office, State Capitol.

10:30 AM – Greeting and Presentation of Savings Bonds by Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Adrian Polansky, Fourth Floor, 109 SW 9th Street, Topeka.

11:15 AM – Lunch

12:45 PM – Students, families and teachers tour of the State Capitol and dome.

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