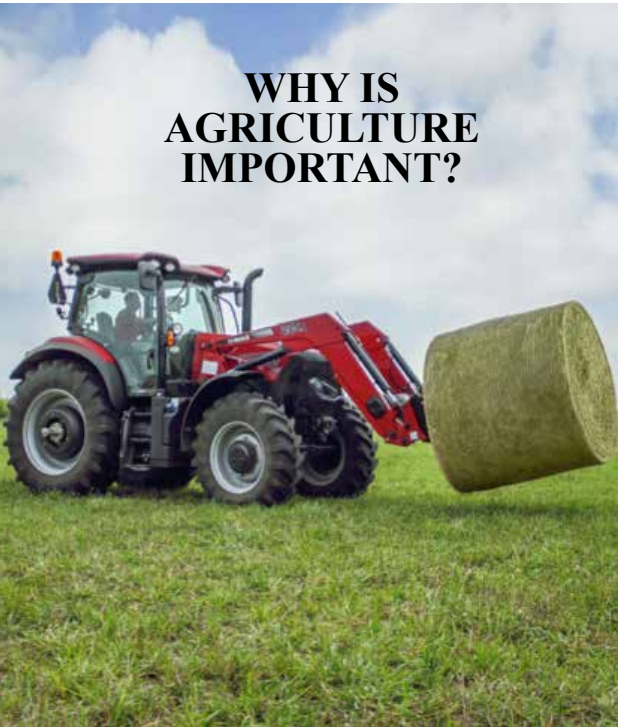


# Essay Guidelines

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**WHY IS AGRICULTURE IMPORTANT?**

**THEME:** (must be included as title of essay)  
“Why Is Agriculture Important?”

**ELIGIBILITY:**  
Tennessee 5th Grade Students

**DEADLINE:**  
All essays must be received in the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation State Office by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2021.

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### REQUIREMENTS:

- 500 word maximum
- Must be typed
- Must be double spaced
- Times or Times New Roman type style
- 12-point font
- One inch margins
- Cover page, including:
  - Student’s First and Last Name
  - Parent’s Name
  - Address and Phone Number
  - School
  - Teacher’s Name
  - County

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# State Standards

This contest is designed for students to display their skills that correlate with reading standards for informational text, language standards and writing standards. Including but not limited to:

- 5.FL.WC.4a
- 5.FL.F.5a
- 5.FL.SC.6
- 5.R.KID.1
- 5.R.KID.2
- 5.RI.IKI.7
- 5.RI.IKI.9
- 5.SL.CC.1
- 5.SL.PKI.4
- 5.W.TTP.1
- 5.W.TTP.2
- 5.W.PDW.4
- 5.W.PDW.5
- 5.W.PDW.6
- 5.W.RBPK.7
- 5.W.RBPK.8
- 5.W.RBPK.9

# Judging Criteria

- Content & Accuracy of Information.....50%
- Originality of Thought.....20%
- Clarity of Expression.....20%
- Correct Use of Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation.....10%



# Research Topic Ideas

- Agriculture in Your Daily Life
- Environment
- Animal Care
- Agriculture Feeding the World
- Agriculture’s Impact on the Economy

### Source Suggestions:

- [www.tennesseeag.org](http://www.tennesseeag.org)
- [www.myamericanfarm.org](http://www.myamericanfarm.org)
- [www.tnfarmbureau.org](http://www.tnfarmbureau.org)
- [www.tn.gov/agriculture](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture)
- [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)
- [www.fb.org/newsroom/fast-facts](http://www.fb.org/newsroom/fast-facts)

# Awards

## COUNTY CONTEST:

The first place winner from each county is eligible to have his or her winning entry submitted to the state contest.

Counties may use their own discretion in deciding upon awards and means of recognition for their respective county winners and participants.

## STATE CONTEST:

(Students must be present to receive award, which will be presented at the State Women’s Leadership Conference April 24, 2021.)

- First Place: \$300
- Second Place: \$200
- Third Place: \$100

The teacher of the state winning entries will receive \$100. (must be present to receive award).

All essays submitted to the state contest will become the property of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and the Tennessee Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. They may be used for promotional purposes.