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936 entries in six categories

Winners announced in national farm photo contest

Oct 3, 2017 - (Guelph) Winners have been announced in the Farm & Food Care's Real Dirt on Farming Photo Contest. The contest, which ran from the beginning of June until mid-July, gave photographers the chance to enter their farm photography in six categories – All About Animals, Canadian Farm Scenes, Crazy About Crops, Farm Faces, Farm Fun and Farm Innovation.

The contest was a great success, generating 936 entries from across the country. Prizes in the amount of \$350 (first), \$200 (second), and \$100 (third) will be awarded to the winners of each category. Many of the winning photos will be featured in the 2017 edition of *The Real Dirt on Farming* – a national publication answering common questions about food and farming practices in Canada, and one that will be released in November, 2017. Photos may also be used in other Farm & Food Care initiatives.

Winning entries were chosen by a panel of five photographers from the International Federation of Agriculture Journalists who served as independent judges. All winning entries can be viewed on the Farm & Food Care website at: www.FarmFoodCareON.org/resources/the-real-dirt-on-farming-2017-photo-contest

Photo contest award winners, by category:

All About Animals

First Place: Corrie Millsap, Ontario Second Place: Michelle Jaelin, Ontario Third Place: Carrie Woolley, Ontario

Canadian Farm Scenes

First Place: Tim May, Ontario

Second Place: Dean McLeod, Saskatchewan

Third Place: Beracha Knor, Ontario

Crazy About Crops

First Place: Donna Rogers, Ontario Second Place: Bethany Atkinson, Ontario Third Place: Bruce Sargent, Ontario

Farm Faces

First Place: Anna Haupt, Ontario

Second Place: Janna Zalinko, Saskatchewan Third Place: Samantha Coates, New Brunswick

Farm Fun

First Place: Johnnie Cluff, Quebec Second Place: Bruce Sargent, Ontario Third Place: Caitlin MacLeod, Ontario

Farm Innovation

First Place: Dwane Morvik, Saskatchewan Second Place: Mariet Wierenga, Ontario Third Place: Laurel Neufeld, British Columbia

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