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Farm & Food Care selects 2020 national farm photo contest winners

955 entries in six categories

August 26, 2020 - (Guelph) Winners have been announced in Farm & Food Care's *The Real Dirt on Farming* Photo Contest. The contest was launched on Canada's Agriculture Day, February 11, and ran until Canada Day, drawing entries from photographers and farm enthusiasts across the country.

FFCO was delighted to receive 955 entries submitted for this year's contest, capturing the beauty of Canadian agriculture in six categories – All About Animals, Canadian Farm Scenes, Crazy About Crops, Faces Behind Food & Farming, Farm to Plate and Farm Innovation. A total of 18 prizes will be awarded with winners taking home \$350, \$200, and \$100 for first, second and third place respectively.

The winning photos will be featured in the fifth edition of *The Real Dirt on Farming* which is being produced, collectively, by the Farm & Food Care organizations in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island. This national publication answers common questions asked by the public about food and farming practices in Canada, and will be released in November of 2020. Photos may also be used in other Farm & Food Care initiatives. Non-winning entries used in *The Real Dirt on Farming* will receive \$50 per photo.

Winning entries were chosen by a panel of four Canadian agricultural photographers and journalists who served as independent judges.

Congratulations to the winners and appreciation goes to all the talented photographers who took part.

All winning entries can be viewed on the Farm & Food Care website at www.FarmFoodCareON.org/photo-contest/

Winning Submissions

All About Animals

First Place: Sarah Sebastian, Saskatchewan

Second Place: Jodie Aldred, Ontario

Third Place: Ciara Sandum, Alberta

Canadian Farm Scenes

First Place: Lynne Somerville, Ontario

Second Place: Jamie Allport, Alberta

Third Place: Ashton Irwin, Ontario

Crazy About Crops

First Place: Donna Rogers, Ontario

Second Place: Jodie Aldred, Ontario

Third Place: Ashton Irwin, Ontario

Faces Behind Food & Farming

First Place: Cassi Brunsveld, Ontario

Second Place: Jodie Aldred, Ontario

Third Place: Holly McFarlane, Ontario

Farm to Plate

First Place: Erika DeBrouwer, Ontario

Second Place: Jodie Aldred, Ontario

Third Place: Ashton Irwin, Ontario

Farm Innovation

First Place: Darren Metcalfe, Ontario

Second Place: Myrna Stark Leader, British Columbia

Third Place: Bradie Munro, Alberta

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Farm & Food Care Ontario is registered Canadian charity and whole-sector coalition made up of representatives from all farming types and associated businesses, and positions itself as the helpful expert on Canadian agriculture. With offices in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island the common goal of the Farm & Food Care organizations is to build public trust in food and farming across Canada.

For further information or to obtain high resolution copies of any of the photos for publication:

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