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## News Release

### 2023 National Farm & Food Care Photo Contest Winners Announced

100's of entries across six categories

November 1, 2023 – Winners from Farm & Food Care's *The Real Dirt on Farming* Photo Contest were released today. The contest was launched earlier this year with \$4000 in cash prizes available for winners. This year's contest drew entries from photo enthusiasts and farmers nation-wide.

There were 100's of entries submitted across six different categories all aimed at capturing the essence of Canadian agriculture. The six categories were: 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 recognizing the top three photos in each of the six categories. First, second and third prize winners will be awarded \$350, \$200, and \$100 respectively.

Winning photos will be featured in Farm & Food Care's sixth edition of *The Real Dirt on Farming*; a national publication that answers common questions about food and farming practices in Canada. The Real Dirt on Farming is produced, collectively, by Farm & Food Care organizations in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island. The sixth edition of *The Real Dirt on Farming* is complete and being printed as you read this. It will be released in November of 2023 just in time for its official launch at the 2023 FFCO Harvest Gala. 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.

FFC would like to thank all the talented photographers that submitted entries to the contest and congratulate this year's winners.

All winning entries can be viewed on the Farm & Food Care website at [www.FarmFoodCareON.org/photo-contest/](http://www.FarmFoodCareON.org/photo-contest/)

## **Winning Submissions**

### **All about Animals**

First Place: Katie Hunter, Ontario

Second Place: Cassi Brunsveld, Ontario

Third Place: Lyndsay Berry, Ontario

### **Canadian Farm Scenes**

First Place: Melinda Baarda, Ontario

Second Place: Callum Kyllonen, British Columbia

Third Place: Telfer Wegg, Quebec/Ontario

### **Crazy about Crops**

First Place: Wes Klages, Ontario

Second Place: Amy Haak, Ontario

Third Place: Lea Gaehwiler, Ontario

### **Faces Behind Food & Farming**

First Place: Cassi Brunsveld, Ontario

Second Place: Lyndsay Berry, Ontario

Third Place: Janet Metcalfe, Ontario

### **Farm to Plate**

First Place: Megan Rae, Ontario

Second Place: Cassi Brunsveld, Ontario

Third Place: Donna Rogers, Ontario

## **Farm Innovation**

First Place: Samantha Kennedy, Ontario

Second Place: Cassi Brunsveld, Ontario

Third Place: Bob Houghton, Quebec/Ontario

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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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