



# 2022 Ag Day Essay Contest Winners

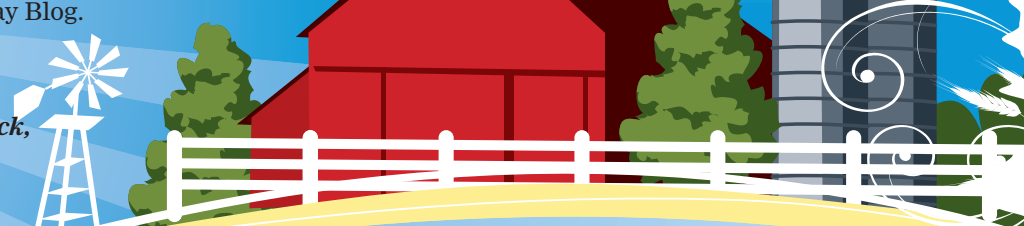
Congratulations to the 2022 National Ag Day Essay Contest Winners. The winning entries can be viewed below. This contest is divided into two categories of competition: written essay and video essay.

## Written Essay Contest

The national written essay winner for 2022 is **Haden Coleman**, of Trinity, Texas. He will receive a \$1,000 prize and recognition during the virtual Ag Day event on March 22, 2022.

The contest also names two merit winners who received \$100 and will have their essays featured in the Ag Day Blog. They are:

**Rebekah Vague**,  
Ellsworth, Kansas  
**Makenna Stundebek**,  
Salisbury, Missouri



## American Agriculture: Growing a Climate for Tomorrow

**Haden Coleman**  
Trinity, TX

As farmers and ranchers, our job is to work to secure food and resources for the world. It is up to us to help those that are hungry and in need be able to obtain and afford these items. As time ticks on, we are facing different challenges. However, with the advances in technology, production is more efficient, more profitable, and safer than ever before. The future of agriculture is bright.

As producers and processors, farmers are some of the most productive people in the world. They work day and night to care for their herd or crops. Today, technology has helped with so many aspects of caring for their produce that it has truly changed the way we work. With these advances we can now monitor moisture levels, get up-to-date aerial

images, and machines that complete the job faster and more efficiently. This allows the producer to work more efficiently, with higher productivity. Thus lowering costs. In lowering cost and increasing production, we can provide quality products at a stable price.

Today's challenges are bigger now than ever before. We face climate change, legislation changes, and inflation that tries to block what we all strive to do. That is to provide quality products and services at fair prices so that everyone can benefit. Especially those that are hungry. So many people each year go hungry or die due to a lack of proper nutrition from food. Farmers and Ranchers are on the front lines of the food chain to provide for others as well as their families. We strive to be more efficient and environmentally friendly and I believe the advancements in technology will help us greatly. For

example, monitoring moisture levels, we know when our crops need water. This in turn will decrease water usage and decrease run-off and in turn decrease the impact on the environment.

As we step into the next age of production, the use of technology is causing a chain reaction in the efficiency of farming and ranching. As time goes on, I believe that these im-

pacts will help with the availability of products as well as the stability of costs. I, as a future producer, know that these advancements and changes will positively impact not only individuals but hopefully the entire world. I am hoping to be one of those individuals who can make a difference in the industry and make a difference in the health and well being of the people around me.



## Video Essay Contest

The national video essay winner for 2022 is **Kenna Mullins** from Oxford, Pennsylvania. She will receive a \$1,000 prize for her video

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