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## **Indiana agriculture photo contest now open**

**INDIANAPOLIS (May 31, 2018)** — The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](http://www.in.gov/isda) is now accepting submissions for the 11th annual Indiana Agriculture [photo contest](#), which showcases the hard work and contributions made by Hoosier farmers. The contest is open to the general public, and the winners will be honored during a special ceremony at the Indiana State Fair.

Contestants are able to submit up to five photos in digital format (horizontal or vertical), and each photo must be accompanied by an entry form. All photos must be taken in the state by Indiana residents. Entries must be submitted no later than June 30, 2018.

Participants are encouraged to submit photos reflecting the wide array of agriculture. The categories photos can be entered under are:

- **On the Farm:** Showcasing any building, piece of equipment or activity that is a part of life on an Indiana farm.
- **Faces of Agriculture:** Featuring those who grow and produce food, fuel and fiber in Indiana.
- **Agritourism:** Spotlighting Indiana's seasonal and agricultural destinations, such as orchards, wineries and farmers markets.
- **Conservation:** Highlighting Indiana's natural beauty with landscapes, water and wildlife.

Contest winners will have their photographs featured in the Offices of the Lt. Governor's Family of Business in Indianapolis. Winners will also be special guests during the Celebration of Agriculture on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Normandy Barn at the Indiana State Fair.

For entry and release forms, guidelines and criteria, visit [www.in.gov/isda/2468.htm](http://www.in.gov/isda/2468.htm).

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### **ABOUT ISDA**

The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](http://www.in.gov/isda) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. Administratively, ISDA reports to [Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch](#), who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.



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