

## Benton County Soil and Water Conservation Photo Contest!

The Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District (Benton SWCD) will be hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Contest. Benton SWCD is looking for Benton County agricultural photographs, with the theme “**Conservation in Action.**” Photos that showcase soil and water conservation will be given extra points during judging. The winners of the contest will have their photos displayed in the Benton SWCD office. Not only do the winners receive bragging rights, but 1<sup>st</sup> place gets \$100 cash prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> place gets \$50, and 3<sup>rd</sup> gets \$25!

**How to submit:** All photos must be submitted to [bentontamaproject@gmail.com](mailto:bentontamaproject@gmail.com) by **Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>** with the following information: Name, Email, Address, Phone Number, Location, Month and Year photograph was taken, and Optional – Title/Description/Caption.

\*\* Official Rules and requirements can found at <http://www.bentontamanutrientreduction.org/>. They can also be requested by calling 319-472-2161 to receive by mail, picked up at the Benton SWCD office (1705 W D Street, Vinton, IA), or by emailing [bentontamaproject@gmail.com](mailto:bentontamaproject@gmail.com). \*\*

## Official Rules

### 1. What we’re looking for:

Photos of Agriculture in Benton County – photos that showcase soil and water conservation will be given extra points during judging.

### 2. How to submit:

All photos must be submitted to [bentontamaproject@gmail.com](mailto:bentontamaproject@gmail.com) by Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> with the following information:

- **Name:**
- **Email:**
- **Address:**
- **Phone Number:**
- **Location Photograph was taken:**
- **Date Photograph was taken:**
- **Optional – Title/Description/Caption:**

### 3. Photograph Requirements:

- All photos must be submitted by Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.
- Photographs must be in high resolution digital format – all files must be landscape 2:3 aspect ratio and at least 920 x 1370 pixels
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> place photo will printed at 24”x36” landscape orientation.
- Photos must be in Benton County, Iowa.
- Photo must have been taken in the years of 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Photo must be a single work of original material taken by contestant.
- Minor burning, dodging and/or color correction is acceptable. Hand tinting is acceptable, as is cropping. Fish-eye lenses are acceptable. High dynamic range images (HDR) and stitched panoramas are acceptable only if the combined parts are all made at the same time. Any changes to the original Photograph not itemized here are unacceptable and will render the Photograph ineligible for a prize.

- **Each person is limited to three photographs for submission.**
- The photo must not contain material that violates or infringes on another's rights, including but not limited to privacy, publicity or intellectual property rights, or that constitutes copyright infringement.
- The photo must not contain material that is unlawful, in violation of or contrary to the laws or regulations in any state where photo is created.

**4. Contest Prizes:**

Will be determined and posted online no later than September 30th. Judging will be conducted by a committee appointed from the Benton County community.

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$100 reward and a 24"x36" photo on USDA Office Wall with name/recognition
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$50 reward and a 16"x24" photo on wall with name/recognition
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$25 reward and an 8"x12" photo on the wall with name/recognition

**5. Photos:**

All photos will be put on the Benton SWCD and Benton/Tama Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Project (Benton/Tama Project) Facebook Page once the contest is complete!

- 6. Limitation of Liability:** By entering this Contest, all entrants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Sponsor, from and against any claim or cause of action, including, but not limited to, personal injury, death, or damage to or loss of property, arising out of participation in the Contest or receipt or use or misuse of any prize.

Sponsor assume no responsibility for any of the following in connection with the Contest: any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or delay in operation or transmission; communications line failure; theft or destruction of or unauthorized access to Contest entries or votes; or alteration of entries. Sponsors are further not responsible for any problems with or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any email entry or vote to be received on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, human errors of any kind, fraud by any entrant

- 7. Conditions:** Entries void if the Sponsor determines the photograph to not be an original, or if the entries are illegible, incomplete, damaged, irregular, altered, counterfeit, produced in error, obtained through fraud or theft or otherwise non-compliant with these Official Rules. Judges and immediate family members are ineligible.

- 8. Right to Cancel or Suspend Contest:** If for any reason the Contest is not capable of running as planned, due to infection by computer virus, bugs, worms, Trojan horses, denial of service attacks, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of Sponsor that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest, Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Contest. In such event, no prizes will be awarded. If Sponsor elects to cancel or terminate the Contest under any of the circumstances described above, Sponsor will not retain any rights in the submitted photographs.

9. **Winners List:** Winners' names will be available on the Benton SWCD and Benton/Tama Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Project Facebooks after September 30, 2020.
  
10. **Data Privacy:** By entering, entrants agree that personal data, may be processed, shared, and otherwise used for the purposes and within the context of the Contest and any other purposes. The data may also be used by the Sponsor in order to verify the participant's identity, postal address, and telephone number or to otherwise verify the participant's eligibility to participate in the Contest. Participants have the right to access, review, rectify, or cancel any personal data held by Sponsor. Personal data will be used by Sponsor exclusively for the purposes stated herein.

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