

Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar 2016 Photo Contest



Photographers who enjoy capturing images of Massachusetts agriculture; including farms, farm products, and horticultural products are invited to enter the annual Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar Photo Contest. Winning entries will be published in the **2017 Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar**. The annual contest and calendar are sponsored by Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. (MAC), and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR).

Twelve photos will be selected, one for each month, along with possible honorable mentions. We seek photos that represent *Massgrown* crops (maple, cranberries, livestock, flowers/plants, fruits and vegetables), as well as innovative farming methods such as renewable energy systems and/or urban agriculture. View last year's winners at www.aginclassroom.org/#!/calendar/c1aki. Winning photographers will be credited in the calendar and will be invited to a ceremony at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in West Springfield this September (tickets to the fair included). Winning photos each year are also featured on MDAR's home page, www.mass.gov/agr.

Rules

- 1) **The contest deadline is June 1, 2016.**
- 2) All photos must depict an aspect of Massachusetts' agriculture or horticulture. Photos must have been taken in Massachusetts within the past three years. Photos taken on Massachusetts farms will be given higher rankings.
- 3) Professional photographers (photography as a primary source of income) are not eligible to enter.
- 4) Entrants may only submit their own original photographs No more than five photos per entrant.
- 5) For photos showing people, entrants should have permission from the subject or the subject's parent or guardian if the subject is under 18 years old, and be able to provide written documentation upon request.
- 6) **Submission of Photos** - Two options to submit:
 - a. **Online** - Visit and download here: www.massnrc.org/calendar, or
 - b. **Print:** 4x6, 5x7 or 8x10 inches. On an index card or paper, type or print the following information and attach with tape to the **back of each photo**:
 - ✓ Entrant name, address, telephone number and/or email address
 - ✓ Where the photo was taken and information relating to the subject matter
 - ✓ Month and year photo was taken
 - ✓ Fill out and send the entry form at the bottom along with the photos to: Photo-Contest 2016, MDAR, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114-2151.

Questions: Contact Rick LeBlanc at (617) 626-1759, Richard.LeBlanc@state.ma.us.

Entrant Name:		E-mail:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:		Number of photos submitted:	

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