



# 2021

## Middle School Essay Contest

**Topic:** Agritourism is a sector of Georgia Agriculture that provides an on the farm experience to help develop a unique connection between a producer and a consumer. How does utilization of Certified Farm Markets and agritourism benefit both the farmer and the consumer? Hint: Visit Georgia Farm Bureau Certified Farm Markets (CFM) at [gfb.ag/CertifiedFarmMarket](http://gfb.ag/CertifiedFarmMarket) to learn what a CFM is and where you can find one near you.

**Resources:** YouTube: search "Farm Monitor Certified Farm Market" for videos

**Problem Based Learning Lesson:** Agritourism: Extreme Farm Makeover  
[agclassroom.org/matrix/lesson/753/](http://agclassroom.org/matrix/lesson/753/)

### CONTEST GUIDELINES

- + The student must be enrolled in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade in Georgia for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- + The contest must be entered through the county Farm Bureau.
- + The essay must be accompanied by the official title sheet. No name should appear on the essay itself.
- + The essay must have a citation page listing sources to back up ideas discussed in the essay.
- + It is preferable that the essay be typed. However, an essay that is neatly handwritten in ink will be accepted.
- + Typed essays should be double spaced, minimum 12 point font (Arial or Times New Roman preferred), 1-inch margins, and maximum length of 2 pages. Handwritten essays should be ink on lined notebook paper with a maximum length of 3 pages.
- + The winning essays must be submitted to the county Farm Bureau office by February 26, 2021. Each county will select one winner at the county level and submit it to the state level.
- + Previous state winners of the contest are not eligible.
- + Essays not meeting the above criteria will not be eligible.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

- + How well the topic is addressed
- + Command of conventions of standard English grammar and usage
- + Use of primary and secondary sources for research on topic according to instructions

### PRIZES

- + **District Winner:** 10 District Winners will receive **\$100** cash each
- + **State Winner:** **\$150** cash (in addition to the district award)

*This contest is sponsored by Georgia Farm Bureau. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau office.*

