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2010 Jim Claypool Art and Writing Contest Winners Announced

More than 52,000 students across the state participated

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb.15, 2011) –The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts in partnership with the Kentucky Farm Bureau announced the winners of the 2010 Art and Writing Contest entitled: “Kentucky’s Soil: All Hands In.” Students across the Commonwealth used the soil theme to create 38,437 art entries and 14,144 writing entries. Judges from the local conservation districts chose county winners, whose entries then moved on to the state level competition. A distinguished panel of judges with diverse environmental backgrounds selected statewide winners in both categories on Feb. 8, 2011.

“The efforts of these students demonstrate that Kentucky’s young citizens are committed to conserving their world and finding innovative ways to ensure productivity and protection of this often forgotten natural resource,” said Steve Coleman, director of the Kentucky Division of Conservation. “Kentucky is fortunate to have them as future community leaders and farmers.”

State winners of the Jim Claypool Art Contest are:

- First place: Emily Welch, Bourbon County;
- Second place: Jacob McCurry, Harlan County; and
- Third place: Caroline Hamilton, Jefferson County.

State winners for the Conservation Writing Contest:

- First place: Hannah Myers, Campbell County;
- Second place: Chelsea Pruett, Rowan County; and
- Third place: Gauge Hendon, Caldwell County.

State winners, area winners and county winners will receive a check from Kentucky Farm Bureau and recognition from their local conservation district. Visit <http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/ArtandWritingContest.aspx> for more information.

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