



*If you could invent  
a new technology  
to improve agriculture,  
what would it be?*

*Describe how it would work  
to benefit the ag industry.*

# 2021 ESSAY CONTEST

**For high school FFA members in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin**

## **This year's topic:**

Agriculture is a constantly changing industry. Many technologies we use today didn't exist 50, 25 or even 10 years ago! Put your inventor hat on – if you could invent something new to improve agriculture, what would it be? Be creative and don't worry about how likely it would be for your invention to actually work; we want to know what problem you hope to solve and an innovative way to make that happen.

## **Contest goals are to help students:**

- Develop writing skills.
- Learn about current issues in agriculture.
- Understand the unique role of cooperatives.

## **Contest procedures and instructions:**

- I. Schools may submit more than one essay; however, only one student per chapter may be selected as an award winner.
- II. Students must be FFA members in good standing to be eligible for awards.
- III. Essay length should be no more than 500 words.
- IV. Works cited are not required, but are accepted. They do not count toward your 500 word limit.
- V. Submit the requested information and your essay to:  
**[www.bit.ly/GMKEssay2021](http://www.bit.ly/GMKEssay2021)**

## **Suggestions for writers:**

- Pay special attention to your opening and closing paragraphs.
- Find facts from state agriculture associations, your FFA advisor, local cooperatives and others.
- Visit credible websites to learn more.
- Have a parent or teacher proofread your essay.
- Spell-check your essay.
- Your local FS cooperative is a good resource for information.

## **Submit your essay to:**

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## **Submission deadline:**

**November 6, 2020**, midnight central time

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## **Awards are distributed at State FFA Conventions:**

**State winner: \$500 award**

**FFA chapter of state winner: \$300 award**

**Four runners-up per state: \$125 award each**

## **Questions?**

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