



**What, in your opinion,
has changed
for the better in the
agricultural industry
as a result of the pandemic?**

2022 ESSAY CONTEST

For high school FFA members

This year's topic:

The COVID-19 pandemic caused changes previously unheard of across the globe. No industry or aspect of "normal" life was untouched. While there are certainly negative repercussions, many positive things have also come out of the last several years, especially in agriculture. Choose one of these positive outcomes and explain how it has changed agriculture for the better.

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 one essay; however, no more than two students from the same state will be selected for the top five awards.
- 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/GMKEssay2022

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:
October 29, 2021, midnight central time

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Awards:

National winner: \$1,000 award
FFA chapter of national winner: \$750 award
Four national runners-up: \$500 award each
FFA chapters of national runners-up: \$300 award each
States with at least 25 essays submitted will have one state winner selected to receive a \$300 award.

Questions?

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