

# 2008 CREATIVE STORY CONTEST RULES

## CONTEST THEME

### "What If There Weren't Any Farmers?"

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of this contest is to foster a greater understanding of Utah's agricultural industry and the role that farmers and ranchers play in supplying our food, fiber and other farm products.

## CONTESTS AT THE COUNTY AND STATE LEVELS

**County Contest** Each county Farm Bureau throughout the state sponsors a story contest with prizes to be determined at the county level.

**State Contest** The first place county winners in each of the six grade levels will be forwarded to the Utah Farm Bureau for entry in the state contest. Only winning county entries are eligible for the state competition.

## WHO MAY ENTER

The contest is open to all students in grades 3 through 8. A contestant may submit only one entry per year.

## CREATIVE STORY CONTENT

Portrayals of characters and objects should have a basis in factual material. Story should be an entertaining & imaginative representation of the idea/ideas expressed in the theme. Judges will emphasize creativity & imagination in exploring the theme. Story may be illustrated.

## LENGTH OF ENTRY

1. Should not exceed 1,000 words, but may be shorter in length. Entry should be typed double-spaced or neatly handwritten.
2. Front page must have the contestant's name and complete address, phone number, grade level, county and guardian's name.

## ENTRY DEADLINES

1. Submit entries to county Farm Bureau Women's Chairman on or before date set by county Farm Bureau.
2. All first place winners in each of the six grade levels must be in the Utah Farm Bureau Federation office on or before April 15, 2008. (UFBF address: 9865 South State, Salt Lake City, Utah 84070-3205)

## GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING

The State Women's Committee has established these guidelines for judging the creative story:

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| 50% | Content (creativity in exploring the theme) |
| 40% | Structure (grammar, punctuation, spelling)  |
| 10% | Neatness and form                           |

## SELECTION OF WINNERS

1. Each county contest will be judged by a committee of qualified, local people with knowledge of the subject. The county Farm Bureau Women's Chairman will be responsible for seeing that the local contest is judged.
2. The state contest will be judged by qualified individuals selected by the state Women's Committee.
3. Decision of the judges will be final.
4. All entries become the property of Utah Farm Bureau with rights to reproduce and publish. **No entries entered in the state contest will be returned.**

**AWARDS FOR COUNTY WINNERS:** determined by each county.

## AWARDS FOR STATE WINNERS:

First place winner	\$100.00
Second place winner	\$ 50.00
Third place winner	\$ 25.00

Classroom resource materials for the teachers of first place state winners.

