The Tough Question
Celebration of Iowa: Agriculture Art Contest
The Impetus
The Contest

- Juried art competition
- Contest theme
- Iowa artists
- Youth and adult categories
- Cash prizes
The Reach

- 548 artists
- 75 entries
- 47 communities
Drought? What drought? Ag artwork tells different story

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If Grant Wood were still around, he would have gotten a run for his money for the “Celebration of Iowa Agriculture Art Award.” The now contest attracted 75 entries, from adults and kids, which highlight the state’s natural beauty and farm heritage.

The winners were announced Tuesday at the State Fair. Larry Vendenhall of Albia took top honors in the adult division and 17-year-old Erika Matyaszewski of Iowa City won the youth. Winners in each division won $1,250 for first place, $750 for second and $250 for third.

The contest was organized by the state Department of Agriculture and the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, with prizes sponsored by the Iowa Farm Bureau.

So that’s the official stuff. Here’s what you really want to see.
The Entries
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The Exhibit

- 13 finalists featured
- State of Iowa Historical Museum
The Judging

- Iowa Department of Agriculture
- Iowa Farm Bureau
- Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs
• 2012 Iowa State Fair
• Top 6 winners announced
• $5,000 in prizes awarded
The Winners

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place
The Swag

- Commemorative note cards
- 400 NASDA attendees
- Secretaries of Agriculture nationwide
The Future?
The End