

2025 Texas Farm Bureau Photo Contest Rules

1. Sponsor: Texas Farm Bureau (Sponsor) is sponsoring a Photo Contest through its publications *Texas Agriculture* and *Texas Neighbors*.

2. Eligibility: Entrant must be a Texas Farm Bureau member or an immediate family member of a Texas Farm Bureau member and a resident of Texas. An immediate family member would be a spouse, child, sibling, or parent, and includes relations by marriage. Employees and agents (and their spouse, children, siblings, parents, and grandparents) of Texas Farm Bureau, its affiliated companies, or a County Farm Bureau are not eligible to enter.

3. Start/End Dates: Contest begins January 1, 2025 and ends June 1, 2025.

4. How to Enter: To enter, participants must send one photo related to rural settings and rural lifestyles to photocontest@txfb.org. Limit one entry per person, per email address. Entries that are lost, late, incomplete, invalid, unintelligible, misdirected, or technically corrupted or garbled will be disqualified. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt by Sponsor. Entries must be fully original creations of the entrants, and must not have been submitted to any other photo contest. AI-generated images, whether generative fill or fully generated, are ineligible. By entering, entrants represent that their respective entries are their own fully original creations, and their respective entries will not infringe or violate rights of third parties, including but not limited to copyrights, trademarks, or rights of publicity/privacy. Sponsor may reject any entry it deems, in its sole discretion, to be inappropriate. If Sponsor determines that an insufficient number of entries were received, Sponsor may cancel the Contest and shall be under no obligation to award prizes.

All photos must be submitted digitally. No mail-in entries will be accepted this year.

5. Judging Criteria: Prize winners will be selected by Sponsor from eligible entries based on following criteria: best photo based on the theme. Entrants must comply with these Official Rules.

6. Prizes:

--First Place:	\$250 cash prize
--Second Place:	\$200 cash prize
--2 Runners-up:	\$100 cash prize each

7. Other Conditions: Entries will not be returned to entrants. Winning entries become the property of Sponsor, and Sponsor has the right to publish, produce, use, edit and/or modify the entry in any way and in any media, and without compensation to entrant other than the cash prize. Submission of entry constitutes entrant's consent (or that of their parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor) to irrevocably assign to Sponsor all rights to their entry if a prize is awarded to entrant. Entry constitutes permission to use the winner's name, picture, likeness, and city and state of residence for purposes of publicity or promotion for no additional compensation. **BY PARTICIPATING, ENTRANTS RELEASE AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS SPONSOR AND ITS AFFILIATES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY CLAIM, LOSS, DAMAGE, COST OR EXPENSE RESULTING FROM ENTRANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST OR ANY CONTEST-RELATED ACTIVITY. WINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES ASSOCIATED WITH WINNING A PRIZE. THIS CONTEST WILL BE GOVERNED BY TEXAS LAW.**

8. Affidavit of Eligibility/Release: Winners will be required to execute an Affidavit of Eligibility and Release within 14 days of prize notification. If a winner does not respond to a prize notification within 10 calendar days of notification, if the prize notification is returned undelivered, and/or if a winner rejects the prize or fails to comply with any aspect of these Contest Rules, then such prize will be forfeited and may be awarded to an alternate winner.

9. List of Winners. To obtain a list of names of winners, send an email to Julie Tomascik at jtomascik@txfb.org.