

USDA PHOTO CONTEST

True to his roots as a frontier farm boy, on May 15, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation to create the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Over the next two months he signed additional legislation that expanded and transformed American farming, including the Homestead Act, and the establishment of the Land Grant agricultural university system.

To help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of USDA, a photo contest is being hosted by the Richland County Conservation District, the Richland County Farm Service Center, and the Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory. The contest is open to all age groups and skill levels. Entries will be displayed at a co-sponsored open house on November 8th at the Event Center. USDA staff members will judge the photos and prizes will be given for each category.

Guidelines:

All snapshots, enlargements and black and white photos must be mounted on black or white POSTER board that has a 1 inch border around the outside of the photo. Include the exhibitor's name and short description on the back of the exhibit. Please, no framed photos. If entering a historic photo, please provide credit to photographer if available.

Entries will be accepted until November 5th.

Categories:

- **Food** (Example, locally grown commodities, Feed for livestock, Gardens, Family Meals)
- **Homesteads or Ag-Life** (Example, Abandoned Homesteads, Barns, Kids and Livestock or Pets)
- **Farming and/or Ranching** (Example, Working Machinery, Harvest Scenes, Branding, Old Machinery)
- **Landscapes**
- **Black & White or Historic**

Prizes will be given in each category! Please help us celebrate the 150th birthday of the People's Department by participating in our photo contest and dropping off your photo entry at the USDA Service Center in Sidney. To reclaim your entry please stop by the Service Center between November 13th and 16th. Please contact Heather Luinstra or Julie Goss at 406-433-2103 ext. 3 for more information.