

Essay contest for farm families

If last year is any indication, more than 150 high school-aged farm kids will be on the PROWL for their share of \$10,000 this winter.

The \$10,000 is the prize money for an essay-writing contest sponsored by the corn herbicide PROWL and the Ontario Corn Producers' Association (OCPA). Last year, six budding writers shared the prize.

The students came from farms across Ontario - from Pembroke in the east to Petrolia in the west.

This year's entrants will be asked to submit 500-600 word essays about farm-based research. A panel of teachers will judge the essays.

"We often think of university and government-sponsored research as the most important work being done in agriculture," says Darrell Heffernan, product manager for PROWL.

Whether comparing seed varieties, finding the best corn row widths or finding the optimum tillage practice, farmers push agricultural knowledge every day.

"Young people make a significant impact on the farm and have a lot to add to on-farm research," says Terry Boland, director of communications and public affairs at the OCPA. "We want to support budding young farmers in their education."

Questions young farmers can answer in their essays include:

- What is gained from farmer-based research?
- How does it help in sustainable farming?
- Have you heard of any research experiments on your farm or a neighbour's farm?
- Did the research findings help local

producers become more productive?


- What is learned from poor results?
- Why do farmers like to experiment?
- Is there a scientist in us all?

To enter, mail in a 500-600 word essay with a completed entry form by March 31, 1998. Call PROWL at 1-800-263-1228 for a copy of the official entry form including full contest details.

Answers

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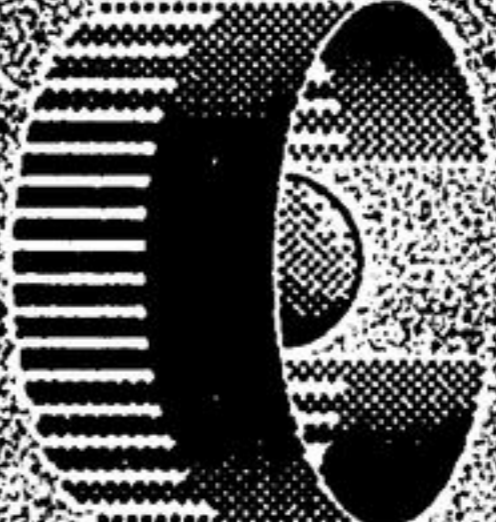
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