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## WVDA ANNOUNCES ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS WINNERS

**Charleston, W.Va.** – Three West Virginia middle and high school students were recognized for their efforts in the WVDA essay and poster contest. The fitting backdrop for the award presentation was Agriculture and Conservation Day at the Legislature.

Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick welcomed the students, along with friends and family, to his office in the State Capitol.

“I’m very proud of these youngsters,” said Commissioner Helmick. “Their projects exhibit a great understanding of agriculture and I’m very pleased they stopped by for a visit.”

Buffalo High School senior Rachel Martin was the top finisher in the agriculture essay category with her entry, “Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet.” Her essay will be entered into the National Ag Day Essay Contest.

Spencer Middle School sixth-grader Zane Tanner was the winner of the middle school essay contest for his entry, “Rotational Grazing.”

Meghan Brady was the winner of the elementary school poster contest. She is a fifth-grader at Clay Elementary.

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