

2020 Crawford County Land Conservation Photo Contest Rules

Photo Contest Details

The Crawford County Land & Water Conservation Department is holding a Conservation Photo Contest. This contest is open to amateur photographers who are residents of Crawford County Wisconsin. Pictures must be taken in Crawford County Wisconsin. Participants can enter as many as five photos total each year. Each photo has to fit in one of the four natural resource or conservation photo categories listed below.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Nagel at 608-326-0270 or by email to [bnagel@crawfordcountywi.org](mailto:bnagel@ crawfordcountywi.org).

Photo Categories

Before taking your photos or submitting them for the contest, please review the detailed explanation of the photo categories. Judges reserve the right to determine if a photograph is appropriately categorized and change a photographer's category accordingly.

Conservation Practices:

Contour Buffer Strips, Contour Farming and Strip Cropping, Cover Crops, Critical Area Planting, Crop Residue Management, Crop Rotation, Diversions, Field Borders, Grade Stabilization Structures (dam/embankment), Grass Waterways, Livestock Management, Manure Storage and Runoff Control, Nutrient Management, Pasture Planting, Pest Management, Riparian Buffer, Rotational Grazing, Stream Bank and Shoreline Stabilization, Terraces, Tree Planting, Upland Wildlife Habitat, Water and Sediment Control Basin, Well Abandonment, Wetland Restoration, Wildlife Food Plot, Windbreaks, and Woodlot Management.

Close Up Conservation:

Aquatic Insects, Water, Crops, Plants, Soil, Sediment, Farm Animals, Irrigation, Flowers, Worms, Roots, Compost.

Conservation in Action:

Conservation districts in action; conservation planning; district events (community meetings, field days, fairs, exhibits); farmers or landowners (conservation-related events, etc.); interaction with landowners; irrigating crops or watering flowers; office staff at work; supervisors or board members at meetings; technical staff at work; youth (school programs, speech, poster contests, Envirothon, on-farm, conservation-related events, etc.)

Agriculture and Conservation Across America:

Barns, Crops, Farm Practices, Farmers or landowners, Fence Rows, Grazing, Implements and Tools, Livestock, Pasture, Ponds, Ranching, Tree Farm, Youth

You can find examples of ideas for each category at:

<https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/>

The top three winners will be selected for each category and age division (adults are 19 and older as of December 1, 2020.) Each winner will receive a small prize and will have the opportunity to compete in the National Photo Contest set up by the National Association of Conservation Districts, for a chance to win cash prizes.

Entry Instructions

- ❖ Complete and Submit [Photo Contest Entry Form](#) and [Photo Release Form](#) **one for each photo you would like to enter** in the contest, along with the photos you are submitting. Photos must be in a JPEG or TIFF file format.
- ❖ If you are submitting a photo in which a subject or model's face is recognizable, you must complete and submit [Subject and Model Release Form](#) with your photo(s) a parent or guardian must consent for people under 18 years old.
- ❖ **Form Submissions:** Completed [Photo Contest Entry Form](#) and [Photo Release Form](#) and [Subject and Model Release Form](#) can be emailed, mailed or dropped off at: Crawford County Land Conservation Planning & Zoning Dept., 225 N. Beaumont Rd., Suite 230, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821. Please note, **photos MUST be submitted electronically**, even if you submit form(s) by mail. Submit electronic photo files (JPEG or TIFF format) to bnagel@crowfordcountywi.org Make sure to include what category you are entering the photo in and your name and age.

Entry Guidelines

The deadline to enter the 2020 Photo Contest is November 1, 2020. All entry forms must be postmarked by November 1, 2020. Participants can enter as many as five photos total each year. Only amateur photographers are eligible to compete. An amateur photographer is one whose majority of income does not come from photography.

Digital Enhancement

Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be altered in any significant manner will be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos.

Photo Rights

All entries can be used by Crawford County Land Conservation, Planning & Zoning Department in publications or for promotional purposes.