



**FARM BUREAU® FARMER IDEA EXCHANGE  
AFFIRMATION OF ENTRY ORIGINALITY, AUTHORIZATION, AND RELEASE FORM**

I, the undersigned, hereby enter the attached Idea Description Form and two color photographs in Farm Bureau's Farmer Idea Exchange contest. I have read this Official Entry Form, Affirmation of Entry Originality, Release Form and the attached information, understand it, and agree to the terms listed. I have signed the forms and had the signature witnessed by an adult over 18 years of age who is not a member of my immediate family. In addition, I have read the instructions for making my report and have followed them to the best of my ability. I understand that my report and entry materials will not be returned. I further understand and agree to accept the interpretations and decisions of the American Farm Bureau Federation ("AFBF") as final regarding the award contest.

Complete this form electronically then print, sign and date. Mail this form to the state Farmer Idea Exchange coordinator by September 4, 2009.

Title of entry submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmation of Originality**

I, the undersigned, certify that (check one)

- The idea submitted is an innovative application of an existing idea or product(s), or
- The idea or invention submitted is my original idea.

In submitting the attached entry form for the Farm Bureau Farmer Idea Exchange contest to AFBF, for the purpose of entering the competition and having signed and attached the appropriate Authorization and Release Form attached, I the undersigned entrant, do hereby affirm and certify that I am the sole originator of the concept described in the entry report and I am the sole author of the entry report, and the concept and/or materials submitted do not violate any patent, trademark, copyright or other such proprietary or personal rights or laws. If there is claim or dispute in or about the concept/idea which I am voluntarily submitting with this form, I agree that the resolution of such claim or dispute shall be my sole responsibility. AFBF, its participating member state Farm Bureaus, the Board members of the respective organizations, all AFBF and participating member state Farm Bureau employees, and the awards judges shall bear no liability or responsibility whatsoever for the submitted concept, claims or disputes made about the submitted concept, the disposition of the awards made hereunder, or the disclosure of the submitted concept, in association with this competition, the judging or the awards.

**This form must be personally signed by the entrant and witnessed by an adult, 18 years of age or older, who is not a member of the entrant's immediate family. If the entrant is under 18 years of age, he or she must have a parent or guardian sign the form as well as witnessed by an adult 18 years of age or older.**

**Submitted reports and materials will not be returned.**

**AUTORIZATION AND RELEASE**

The Farmer Idea Exchange, initiated in 1988 by the American Farm Bureau Federation (“AFBF”), and now co-sponsored by New Holland<sup>2</sup>, is intended to provide a forum for encouraging and helping to implement new concepts in agriculture, while recognizing and rewarding the innovators. For the purpose of the competition, it is necessary that concepts entered must be disclosed. Winning submissions will be described and publicized, as deemed appropriate and necessary, in association with the competition and the presentation of awards. Therefore, each concept submitted for the competition requires a separate release form to be attached to the original report at the time of submission. It must be signed by the undersigned entrant and witnessed by an adult, over 18 years of age, who is not a member of the entrant’s immediate family.

I, the undersigned entrant, hereby warrant and represent that the concept and/or materials submitted hereto are (i) my own original work; (ii) that I am the sole owner of the concept and/or materials and owner of all rights in and to the same; (iii) that I have the full right and power to the concept and/or materials submitted hereto and have not previously disposed of any of the rights in and to the same nor are there any outstanding rights that would encumber or impair the use of the concept and/or material contemplated hereunder; (iv) that the concept and/or materials submitted hereto do not violate any patent, copyright right, trademark or other proprietary or personal right of others laws; and (v) that my participation and submission of the concept and/or materials hereunder is voluntary and I assume complete responsibility for my actions in connection herewith. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless AFBF, all of its participating member state Farm Bureaus, all Board members of these respective organizations, all AFBF and its participating member state Farm Bureau employees, and the awards judges (herein after known as the “Awards Program Administration”) from any and all liabilities in connection with the use or disclosure of any information or material contained as a part of, or in association with, this submission. Furthermore, in the event that this submission is selected as one of the winning entries, I, the undersigned, hereby grant the Awards Program Administration the right, and hereby agree to hold the same harmless from and against any and all liability to the undersigned, to use the undersigned’s name, photographs, and/or other likenesses to describe the winning concept and to publicize the undersigned and his or her submitted concept and/or material as deemed appropriate, and to publicly display the same in connection with this competition or other such Farm Bureau activities as may be deemed appropriate. Notwithstanding this Authorization and Release, no license or right is granted hereby to the Awards Program Administration to use and enjoy such entry concept and/or associated material commercially nor to license or grant any rights in the same to any third party. The undersigned entrant shall retain all claims and rights to his/her concept(s), except as set forth above for the purposes of this competition and the underlined awards as outlined herein. The undersigned entrant understands and agrees that any and all submitted reports, concepts and entry materials shall not be returned to him/her.

**Important:** The undersigned entrant understands and agrees to assume any and all responsibilities regarding the protection of the entry idea(s) or concept(s) as intellectual property and agrees to hold the Awards Program Administration harmless in the event that any rights are lost or impinged upon as a result of this competition.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the terms listed above and hereby agree to be bound by the terms and conditions as set forth above:

Entrant’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian’s name, if entrant is under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_