

California Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year Contest

Deadline: August 31, 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible?

The contest is open to anyone who owns a farm dog and is one of the following:

- An individual member of a county Farm Bureau in California.
- An individual designated by an entity that is a member of such a county Farm Bureau to participate individually in the activities and benefits derived from that membership.
- A minor child or ward of either of the above-described individuals.

Employees (and their immediate family members) of California Farm Bureau (CAFB), its affiliated companies, or county Farm Bureaus may not participate.

What is the contest based on?

The contest is based on stories describing and photos depicting the farm dog's role in working alongside California farmers and ranchers in their day-to-day operations. Include information on how your dog enriches your life and that of your family while supporting you, a farmer or rancher, in doing your job. List any special skills your dog has or tricks your dog can perform, as well as any non-farm-work activities you or your family and your dog do for fun. Desired attributes of the Farm Dog of the Year include helpfulness to the farmer and the farmer's family, playfulness, and obedience.

How many stories may I submit?

An entrant may submit only one story with up to five accompanying photos.

What are the prizes?

- One Grand Prize winner - \$1,000
- One First Runner-up - \$500
- One Second Runner-up - \$250
- People's Choice - \$100

Each entrant is eligible to win only one prize per contest year.

The Farm Dog of the Year will be featured in the quarterly California Bountiful lifestyle section of *Ag Alert*[®] and at the CAFB Annual Meeting in December.

How do I enter?

Entries must be submitted online at cfbf.com/FarmDog.

What is the entry deadline?

Entries must be entered online by August 31, 2026.

Voting for the People's Choice contest will occur from September 1st - 7th, 2026.

May I request a confirmation of receipt?

If you would like confirmation of receipt of your entry, please contact Megan Dixon at 916-561-5554 or farmdog@cfbf.com.

Notification of Winners; IRS Form W-9

Winners will be notified by email or phone. Each winner must complete and submit to CAFB an Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification), which will be made available to the winner before the prize is distributed.

Questions?

Contact Megan Dixon at 916-561-5554 or farmdog@cfbf.com.

Contest Rules

- Story and photo submissions must highlight farm dogs working in California agriculture as described in the Frequently Asked Questions above.
- Accompanying photos must have been taken in the last two years.
- Photos must accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appears. Photos digitally altered beyond standard optimization (e.g., overly altered or filtered) will be disqualified. Sepia-toned and black-and-white photos are acceptable.
- A completed entry form must accompany each story submission. Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.
- **All photos become the property of CAFB and will not be returned.**
- All decisions by CAFB as to the interpretation of these rules or the judging of story submissions are in its sole discretion and final.

Story and Photos (submitted online at cfbf.com/FarmDog)

- Photos must be in .jpg format.
- The file size should be no less than 3 MB.
- Images from mobile devices that adhere to the resolution requirement (see "Image quality" below) may be submitted.
- Images not meeting these specifications will be disqualified.

Photo uploads:

- Photos may be shared with the general public.
- Do not include confidential information.
- You must own the rights to these photos.
- The submitted images will be used only for promotion of the contest.

Image quality:

- Set your camera or mobile device to the highest image-quality setting.
- High-resolution.
- Settings may vary depending on brand, so check the documentation that came with your device.
- To ensure print standards and quality, submit images as high-resolution files.

Agreement

By entering this contest, you grant to California Farm Bureau, American Farm Bureau Federation, and every one of their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, and members an irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, and non-exclusive license to use, publish, display, distribute, reproduce, edit, adapt, and create derivative works of each submitted photograph, in whole or in part, in any media now known or hereafter developed or discovered, including in use on websites, in publications, and for promotional purposes, without compensation or prior notice to you or your successors or assigns, or any other person or entity.