

Local Conservation Photo Contest in conjunction with the Rooks County Fair OPEN CLASS YOUTH Photography Class.

The Rooks County Conservation District (RCCD) will sponsor the Best Conservation Photo (Open Class) at the 2025 Rooks County Fair. A cash prize of \$50.00 will be awarded to the winner. Additionally, the winning photo will be entered into the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) State Contest, where it could win additional cash prizes.

To participate in the RCCD Conservation Photo Contest entries must follow all rules as printed in the Rooks County Fair book that pertain to the open class photography exhibits.

Subject matter must be **CONSERVATION PRACTICES** (Contour Buffer Strips, Contour Farming & Strip cropping, Cover Crop, Critical Area Planting, Crop Residue Management, Crop Rotation, Diversion, 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 & Shoreline Stabilization, Terrace, Tree Planting, Upland Wildlife Habitat, Water & Sediment Control Basin, Well Abandonment, Wetland Restoration, Wildlife Food Plot, Windbreaks, and Woodlot Management) within Rooks County.

The winning photograph must be either surrendered to the RCCD or emailed (preferred) as a .jpg or .tiff file after the fair for submission to the KACD contest. The photographer and a legal guardian will be required to sign a release form for KACD.

- Photos must have been taken between October 1 of the previous year and the current year's fair.
- Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted; but images that have been altered in any significant manner will be disqualified.
- Previously published photos are not eligible.
- Contestants are not to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images on the photo.
- JUDGING STANDARDS: Photos will be judged on technical merit, composition and eye appeal. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed, sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.

Look for the display in the open class building to enter your photo!

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