# **Grain and Feed photo contest**

The National Grain and Feed Association is hosting its first annual photo contest for NGFA members. The winners will be announced at the 2016 Country Elevator Conference in Chicago, December 11-13. Participants are asked to submit a photo in one of three categories. Each participant may submit one photo per category.

NOTE: The best photos will capture the theme of the category -- as you interpret it -- **depicted within** your aspect of the grain handling industry.\*

\*(For example: A picture of a laptop on a desk may well depict "technology," but it is not apparent that it is being used within the grain and feed industry)

## Categories:

**Technology:** Utilizing the latest innovations in your field. (This includes mechanical equipment, computerized technology, etc.)

**Teamwork:** The people who make your business tick.

Rain or shine: Weather -- the most unpredictable factor in the agricultural industry.

#### How to enter:

Email photo as an attachment to sgonzalez@ngfa.org

The body of the email must include: **photographer's name**, **contact information** and **selected photo category**. Only include one photo per email, please.

#### Rules:

Your company must be a member of the NGFA to enter.

Deadline for entries is Nov. 23, 2016.

Photos are only accepted in the following digital format: JPG files with at least 300 dpi.

Shoot your photo at the maximum resolution your camera will allow and submit that original without compressing or reducing the size.

All photos must be uploaded in print resolution (2000px X 2000px or higher).

Only high-quality digital images are eligible for entry.

The submitted photos must be the photographer's original work.

Photos do not need to be taken within the contest timeframe to be eligible to win.

The photographer must select the category for his/her entry and indicate the category with its entry.

Each participant may submit one photo per category.

Photos with date stamps or photographer's name on the photo will be disqualified.

Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color, and contrast, etc.) will not be chosen. Any images not meeting these specifications will be disqualified.

NGFA will at its sole discretion determine eligibility. NGFA reserves the right to reject and disqualify any images that are considered inappropriate.

OWNERSHIP OF PHOTOS; LICENSE: Participants retain ownership of the copyright in any submitted photographs, and a photo credit will be given to the photographer in any use whenever practical.

By entering this contest, you represent that you have all rights to grant, and do hereby grant the National Grain and Feed Association and the National Grain and Feed Foundation a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to use, publish, display, distribute, reproduce, edit, adapt and create derivative works of the submitted photograph, in whole or in part, in any media now known or hereafter discovered, including in use on websites, in publications and for promotional purposes, without compensation or prior notice to the participant, his or her successors or assigns, or any other entity. ENTERING A SUBMISSION IN THIS CONTEST CONSTITUTES PARTICIPANT'S IRREVOCABLE ASSIGNMENT, CONVEYANCE, AND TRANSFERENCE TO SPONSOR OF THE FOREGOING RIGHTS.

## Judging:

One NGFA staff member and two judges outside NGFA membership shall select the winners. The panel of judges will be composed of people with expertise in public relations, journalism, agriculture and photography.

Judging will be based on: composition and arrangement, interest, presentation, prominence of the grain and feed industry in the image, and image quality.

Contestants agree that the sole and final judgment as to all matters concerning the contest and interpretation of contest rules are at the sole discretion of the National Grain and Feed Association and the National Grain and Feed Foundation, and their officers and staff.

### Prizes:

Each participant may submit one photo per category. One photo will be selected from each of the three categories and judges will select the overall first, second and third prize winners from those three photos. One set of prizes will be awarded in the following amounts:

First: \$500 Second: \$300 Third: \$200

All winning photos will be featured on the NGFA website, newsletter and social media.