International® AGRI-CENTER

WORLD AG EXPO® TULARE, CA 2027

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# 2027 World Ag Expo® National Anthem Contest Official Rules

By participating, entrants acknowledge and agree to be bound by these Official Rules and by the decisions of International Agri-Center®, which are final, binding, and not subject to appeal. International Agri-Center® reserves all rights to enforce these Official Rules and to take any action it deems necessary to ensure the integrity and proper conduct of the Contest

**1. Contest Schedule:** The contest will begin on November 2, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) and ends on Monday, January 4, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. PDT. Winners will be announced on January 15, 2027. Applications will be accepted through Monday, January 4, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. PDT.

**2. Eligibility:** Subject to additional restrictions below (How to Enter), the Contest is open to individuals who are legal residents of California and/or World Ag Expo® Exhibitors. Entrants must be willing and able to perform publicly at World Ag Expo® on February 9, 10, and 11, 2027 (exact time and date TBD) on the International Agri-Center® Grounds.

Employees, officers, directors, and representatives of the International Agri-Center®, its advertising and promotional agencies, and the immediate family members or household members (including children and legal dependents) of any such individuals are not eligible to enter or win.

For purposes of these Official Rules, “Immediate Family Members” shall include a spouse, parents, stepparents, legal guardians, children, stepchildren, siblings, stepsiblings, and the spouses of each. “Household Members” shall mean individuals who share the same residence for at least three (3) months per calendar year. Any winner under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

**3. How to Enter:** The contest is open to individuals aged sixteen (16) and older. Up to three (3) winners will be selected to perform the National Anthem at World Ag Expo® in Tulare, California. To enter, complete the entry form available at **[LINK TO APPLICATION]** and include a link to your YouTube video.

Videos must be performed a cappella by a single individual; duets or groups are not eligible. Entries must not exceed three (3) minutes in length and must be presented in English. Audio-only submissions will not be accepted. Home-recorded videos are permitted.

By submitting a Video Entry, you agree that your entry complies with these Official Rules. International Agri-Center® reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any entry it determines does not comply with the Official Rules.

The Contestant represents and warrants that the Video Entry:

1. Is original and legally created;
2. Does not infringe the intellectual property, privacy, publicity, or any other legal or moral rights of any third party.

**Entry Limits:**

- Limit one (1) Video Entry per person.
- Each Video Entry may only be submitted once. Entries exceeding these limits will be disqualified.
- Once submitted, a Video Entry is final and may not be modified or edited.

**Content Restrictions:** Video Entries must not:

1. Contain material that is sexually explicit, obscene, pornographic, violent, self-harming, discriminatory, illegal, offensive, threatening, profane, or harassing;
2. Include or reference performances of copyrighted media (e.g., music, films, books, television programs) or identifying descriptions of media property;
3. Violate any third party's rights, including privacy, publicity, or intellectual property rights, or constitute copyright infringement.

**Submission Deadline:** All Video Entries must be uploaded by **11:59 p.m. PDT on January 4, 2027**. Entries received after this time will be disqualified.

**Limitations of Liability:** International Agri-Center® is not responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected, garbled, inaudible, or illegible entries, or for entries not received due to transmission or technical failures of any kind, including network, hardware, or software malfunctions, whether originating from the sender or International Agri-Center®.

**Ownership and Rights:** All Video Entries become the property of International Agri-Center® and will not be returned. By submitting an entry, contestants grant International Agri-Center® the right to edit, adapt, modify, reproduce, publish, promote, create sound recordings of, broadcast, or otherwise use entries in any manner, without limitation or compensation.

International Agri-Center® reserves the right to disqualify any entries from persons determined to be tampering with or abusing any aspect of the Contest. It also reserves the right to disqualify entries that infringe on third-party intellectual property rights, or that it deems obscene, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate for a general audience.

**4. Selection of Winners:** Judges appointed by the International Agri-Center® will evaluate all eligible entries based on the following criteria, weighted equally:

1. Overall Appeal of Vocal Performance
2. Originality
3. Accuracy of Lyrics

Each criterion will be scored on a scale of one (1) to ten (10), with ten (10) being the highest score. The top three (3) entries receiving the highest combined scores will be selected to perform the National Anthem at World Ag Expo®. A maximum of three (3) winners will be chosen.

**5. Prize Details:** Up to three (3) Winners will be selected. Each Winner will receive the following prize package (for the Winner only):

- The opportunity to perform the National Anthem during **World Ag Expo®**, held February 9–11, 2027 (specific performance date and time to be determined by International Agri-Center®);
- Two (2) VIP Badges for admission to World Ag Expo®;
- Lunch and drink tickets for use during World Ag Expo®;
- Inclusion in one (1) official World Ag Expo® social media post recognizing the Winners and their National Anthem performances; and
- Official World Ag Expo® apparel.

Winners are solely responsible for all costs and expenses related to participation in the Contest, including travel, lodging, meals, and any other expenses. International Agri-Center® will not provide reimbursement or payment to Winners for travel, performance, or any other costs associated with participating in the Contest. Winners will not receive any compensation for performing the National Anthem.

**6. Approximate Retail Value:** The approximate retail value of each winner's package is $100.

**7. Odds of Winning:** The odds of winning are contingent upon the number of eligible entries received and the quality of such entries, as judged by the International Agri-Center®.

**8. Winner Notification:** The three (3) Winners will be notified on or about January 15, 2027 using the contact information provided on the entry form. If a Winner cannot be reached within five (5) business days, fails to comply with these Official Rules, or cannot attend the event, they will be disqualified and an alternate Winner may be selected at the sole discretion of International Agri-Center®.

Prizes are subject to availability, and International Agri-Center® reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value. Winners are responsible for all applicable taxes.

Winners may be required to complete and return an affidavit of eligibility/liability and a liability and publicity release, certifying that the entry is their original work and complies with the Official Rules. Failure to return required documents within seven (7) days may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate Winner.

Except where prohibited, acceptance of a prize constitutes consent to the publication of the Winner's name, biographical information, and likeness in any media for promotional purposes, without additional compensation.

**9. Participation:** By participating, Entrants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and by the decisions of International Agri-Center®, which are final and binding in all matters relating to the Contest. International Agri-Center® reserves the right to disqualify any person found to be tampering with or abusing any aspect of the Contest, as determined in its sole discretion.

In the event the Contest is compromised by a virus, unauthorized human intervention, tampering, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of International Agri-Center® that corrupts or impairs the administration, security, fairness, or proper operation of the Contest, International Agri-Center® reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to suspend, modify, or terminate the Contest. If the Contest is terminated prior to the stated expiration date, International Agri-Center® reserves the right to award prizes based on the eligible entries received prior to the termination date.

**10. Copyright:** By entering the Contest, each Contestant grants International Agri-Center® an exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide license to publish, reproduce, edit, adapt, distribute, display, or otherwise use the submitted entry, in whole or in part, in any manner or media (including, without limitation, the Internet) in perpetuity. Contestants also grant International Agri-Center® the right to authorize others to exercise any or all of these rights. This grant is made without limitation and without any further compensation, notice, or approval from the Contestant.

**11. Contest Administration:** An employee of International Agri-Center® will be responsible for administering and overseeing all aspects of the World Ag Expo® National Anthem Contest.

**12. Privacy Policy:** Any personal information collected in connection with the World Ag Expo® National Anthem Contest will be handled in accordance with the International Agri-Center® Privacy Policy.

Void where prohibited by law. All dates, time periods, number of elimination rounds, and number of winners are tentative and subject to change. No purchase is necessary to enter, and a purchase will not increase your chances of winning.