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Texas Farmer Wins AGCO Blog Contest

"Articulating Agriculture" Blog Writing Contest Garnered over 500 Comments and Entries from Nine Countries

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AGCO, Your Agriculture Company, (NYSE: AGCO), a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment, announced the winner of its "Articulating Agriculture" blog contest, Kayla Ferris, as well as the finalists Zina Zarah Dee - Philippines, Shannon Seifert - Minnesota, USA, Peter Ojike - Nigeria and Kati McWaters - Georgia, USA. AGCO received an overwhelming response of more than 500 comments from locations all over the world on entries from nine different countries.

The blog contest invited individuals who know firsthand the hard work that comes with being part of agriculture and who gained valuable life lessons from living and working on the farm. Sue Otten, AGCO's director of corporate marketing and brand communications worldwide, said, "We are thrilled to have seen such enthusiasm and support for the industry that AGCO is a part of. It is clear by the level of participation that all farmers have real, personal, compelling stories to tell about how agriculture has positive impact on people from every part of the world."

Ferris, a Texas native, said "It was so nice to be able to share my family's story and express to the world what a unique lifestyle living on a farm has provided us." AGCO Blog readers have enjoyed Ferris' "Farm Life Lessons" post so much AGCO has invited her to be a guest writer on the AGCO Blog, in addition to awarding her with the contest's grand prize, a new Apple iPad.

Visit the AGCO Blog, <http://blog.AGCOcorp.com>, for the finalists' entries from this most recent contest and check back frequently for updates on the many happenings at AGCO, including future contests.