

## News Release

### Ag Arama 2019 "Caught Up in the Country"

By Cassandra Morthera on Monday, January 7, 2019

The University of Minnesota Crookston will host the 44th annual Ag Arama on Saturday, January 26, 2019. This year's theme for the weekend is "Caught Up in the Country."

Most of the Ag Arama activities take place on Saturday, January 26, in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) located on the north edge of the campus. Everyone is invited to attend and no parking permits are required.

Contests in agronomy, animal science, horticulture, agricultural business, natural resources, and a new photography contest, highlight Ag Arama weekend. They serve as an opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and skills and have a chance to interact with alumni and faculty members. Ag Arama is planned and operated by a committee of students advised by Terrill Bradford and Brenda Miller, who both teach in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department.

On Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the animal showmanship contests begin and the public is welcome to watch the competition as it unfolds in both novice and experienced categories. Students compete in western and English horse showmanship, goat, lamb lead, and dairy, beef, sheep, and swine showing. The novices are paired with experienced students prior to the contests to prepare for the day.

From 9 a.m. to noon, an agricultural industries show features some of the latest in agricultural equipment. At 1:30 p.m., the Round Robin Showmanship will begin followed by alumni showmanship at 2 p.m. Coronation of the Ag Arama royalty takes place at 2:30 p.m. followed by the presentation of specialty awards and the sweepstakes presentation.

An alumni social will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the I.C. Muggs, 1500 University Avenue, followed by the Ag Arama Dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with Silverado at the Crookston Eagles, 105 South Broadway. Admission is \$10.

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