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Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture Cancels 2020 Competition Due to COVID-19 Concerns

June 2, 2020, Guelph, Ontario – In the interest of the safety and well-being of Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture (CYSA) participants, family members, and CYSA volunteers, CYSA has regrettably decided to cancel their 2020 public speaking competition due to concerns over the spread of coronavirus and potential challenges of interprovincial travel.

The CYSA public speaking competition has taken place, uninterrupted, each November for the last 35 years at the renowned Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

The competition is open to youth ages 11 to 24 with a passion for agriculture whether raised on a farm, in the country or in the city.

Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture is a national, bilingual competition that provides a platform for participants to share their opinions, ideas and concerns about the Canadian agri-food industry in a five- to seven-minute prepared speech.

Since the first competition held at the Royal Winter Fair in honour of the International Year of the Youth in 1985, it has gone on to become the premier public speaking event in Canada for young people interested in agriculture, with more than 1000 participants over the years. For more information about CYSA visit www.cysa-joca.ca

Watch CYSA's social media channels (Twitter: @CYSAAgriculture, Facebook: facebook.com/CYSA.JOCA, Instagram: Instagram.com/cysa.joca) for updates and news about the 2021 competition and other interesting opportunities from industry partners throughout the year.

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