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## 8th Annual Co-op Contest

# Third Graders: Kids Grow Cabbages

By Pauline Fletcher Cogdill

Farmers Cooperative and Bonnie Plant teamed up again for their Eighth Annual Cabbage Plant Growing Contest. The Cooperative Cabbage Program included all third grade classes at Suwannee Elementary School, Branford Elementary School, Madison County Central School, Madison Academy, New Testament Christian School, Lee Elementary School, and Pinetta Elementary School.

Growing With Farmers Cooperative is the theme used again for this year's Cabbage Plant Growing Contest. When you see a third grader wearing one of our Cooperative T Shirts with the logo, "Growing With Farmers Cooperative" you'll know they spent a lot of time caring for their cabbage for the weigh in on Saturday on May 14th in Live Oak, and on May 21st at our Madison Co-op store.

General Manager, Todd Lawrence, Agronomy Division Manager, Barry Long, and Madison Manager Eddie Curl, delivered 800 plants to the various elementary schools in their area. Heather Bennett and Nathan Wadley assisted in the pizza party celebration with the Madison winners.

In order for third graders to be eligible for the Bonnie Plant Farms Cabbage Contest, they simply had to plant the free Bonnie cabbage plant, provide the nutrients

and attention the cabbage needed, and just watch it grow. Farmers Cooperative provided a small bag of fertilizer and a garden trowel free. Farmers Cooperative's website provided complete instructions on how to grow their Bonnie Plant cabbage.

We had a total of 27 class winners in the Cabbage Plant Growing Contest this year. Additionally, class winners will be entered into the State Bonnie Plant Farms drawing for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship from Bonnie Plant Farms.

Our third grade gardeners learned responsibility along with a real sense of accomplishment to see how they can grow their own food. Children were encouraged to bring their cabbage to the weigh in regardless of the size or weight. In fact, they ranged from 16.4 pounds on down.

All the winners and their cabbages can be seen on our Facebook site at Facebook.com/FarmersCooperativeInc. Also, when you visit the Live Oak Cooperative store you will be able to see the cabbage plant winners on our new store monitors.

We would like to recognize all our winners: First Place Winner at Suwannee Elementary School, Krista Law's cabbage weighed in at 13.16 lbs, Krista is a student in Ms. Furry's class. Abigail Ranck's cabbage weighed 9.1 lbs and she won second Place. Abigail is a student in Ms. Saleem's class. Third place winner, Noah Garrison's

cabbage weighed in at 8.44 lbs. Noah is in Ms. McIntosh's class.

Suwannee Elementary School class winner and pizza party winner is Evelyn Bass, a student in Ms. Handley's class.

Suwannee Elementary School had several students participating. They are as follows: Brooke Stevens, Ms. Berry's class; Whitton Musgrove, Ms. Edwards class, Dancia Wiliams, Ms. Gray's class, Shana-Rain Taylor, Mrs. Gray's class, Eveyln Bass, Ms. Handley's class, Audrey Ward, Ms. Hurst's class, Ashlynn Clark, Ms. Hurst's class, Payden Wood, Ms.



**Ethan Cook, Lee Elementary, grew largest cabbage at 16.4 lbs., won pizza party.**

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# Kids Grow Cabbages

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Hurst's class, Kate Kirby, Ms. Hurst's class, Jalyn Delcastillo, Ms. McIntosh's class, Adreanna Banks, Ms. McIntosh's class, Charles Wall, Ms. Miller's class, Conner Christie, Ms. Mowery's class, Skye Campbell, Ms. Mowery's class, Joseph Bravo, Mr. Thomas' class, Emaysa Blue, Ms. Patrick's class, Chloe Bolyard, Ms. Robinson's class, Brendan Taylor Mr. Thomas' class, Ryan Williams, Ms. Vaught's class and Khristopher Eplin, Ms. Woodard's class. These students cabbage weights ranged from 1.6 lbs to 13.16 lbs.

Class winners are: Brooke Stevens, Ms. McIntosh's student; Whitton Musgrove, Ms. Edwards's student, Danica Williams, Ms. Gray's student, Evelyn Bass, Ms. Handley's student, Audrey Ward, Ms. Hurst's student, Charles Walls, Ms. Miller's student, Connor Christie, Ms. Mowery's student, Joseph Bravo, Mr. Thomas's student, Emaysa Blue, Ms. Patrick's student, Chloe Bolyard, Ms. Robinson's student, Ryan Williams, Ms. Vaught's student and Khristopher Elpin, Ms. Woodard's student.

Mrs. Knighton's third grade Branford Elementary School participants included eight students: Christopher Moore's cabbage weighed 13.38 lbs, Trevor Kinsey's cabbage weighed 11.31; Jadelyn Brown's cabbage came in at 10.98 lbs. Cloey Criggall's cabbage weighed 10.84 lbs., Madison Ward's cabbage weighed 10.34 lbs; and Ajavious Williams, cabbage weighed 9.88 lbs, Katlynn Pappa's cabbage weighed 6.87 and Wyatt Santos' cabbage weighed 6.82 lbs. Mrs. Winett had one student participating in the cabbage program. Ellie Frierson's cabbage weighed 5.29 lbs. Ms. Conger's student, Janna Roberts cabbage weighed 12.52.

Branford's Winners are as follows: First Place, Christopher Moore from Ms. Knighton's class with a 13.38 lb. cabbage. Second Place Winner, Janna Roberts from Ms. Conger's class, cabbage weighed 12.52, and Third Place Winner went to Trevor Kinsey from Ms. Knighton's class with a cabbage that weighed 11.31 lbs.

Ellie Frierson from Ms. Winnet's class was also the lucky pizza party winner.

Madison's First Place Winner, and Pizza Party Winner is



**Kristian Gianino**



**Wyatt Bass**



**Brayden Coe**



**Lexus Legendre**



**Aiden Brown**



**Evelyn Bass**



**Jaidyn Wesley**



**Krista Law**



**Christopher Moore, 13.88 lbs.**



**Janna Roberts**



**Cole Albritton**



**Noah Garrison**



**Trevor Kinsey**



**Ellie Frierson**



**Kiley Malone**



**Abigail Ranck**

## For the Past Quarter

# NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

### LIVE OAK STORE

Justin Kinney, McAlpin  
Ellen Compton, Perry  
Stephen Yates, Lake City  
Jimmy Collier, Wellborn  
Tabitha Tewalt, Live Oak  
Julio Abreu, O'Brien  
Brandon Fernald, Live Oak  
Blake Summer, Lake City  
Patricia Matthews, Live Oak  
Guy D. Messer, Wellborn  
James Dale Willams, Live Oak  
Summer Steele, O'Brien  
James H. Finklin, Live Oak  
Glenn Zirkle, Mayo  
T. R. A. Cattle Co., Pinetta  
Karen E. Brewer, Live Oak  
Michael Stern, O'Brien  
Four G Farms, LLC, McAlpin  
Suwannee Valley Pinestraw, Live Oak  
Kanacheril & Sons, Inc., Live Oak  
Fiends for Life, Inc., Live Oak  
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Bull Creek, LLC., Live Oak  
Esteban Montonez, Lake City  
Linda Perrin, Live Oak  
Trudy Lee, Live Oak  
David A. Stump, Live Oak  
Paula Fino, Jasper  
Raymond Woodis, McAlpin

Cody Register, Live Oak  
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Lynn E. Taylor, Lake City  
Jerry Register, Perry  
Darla R. LeGrave, Lake City  
Robert N. Proctor, Live Oak  
David A. Young, Dowling Park  
Joyce Bielejeski, McAlpin  
John K. Black, Live Oak  
Larry Moore, Macclenny  
Lee Laxton, Live Oak  
Jeremy Dobeck, Live Oak  
Donna Underwood, Lithia  
Michele & Kyle Wigelsworth, Live Oak  
Lou Vera Baker, Live Oak  
Josh Eadie, Lake City  
Arturo Romulo Nerio, Libve Oak  
Patricia A. Maxwell, McAlpin  
Terry Cartledge, Wellborn  
Beverly A. Flores Davenport, Live Oak  
Polo Hay LLC, Sarasota  
Katherine & Jeremy Steinbach, Live Oak  
Roosevelt Standifer, Lake Park, GA  
Tina Hart, White Springs  
Jennifer Burleson, Live Oak  
Thomas Hardware Farms & Lumber  
Dustin F Ortagus, Live Oak  
Daniel Womsley, Middleburg  
Dale Kushmer, Live Oak  
Donna Pullman, Perry  
Kate Kelly, Live Oak

Robert Steele, Ft. White  
Janet & Troy Waters, Live Oak  
Mark J Moore, Lake City  
Janet R Stevens, Live Oak  
Judith & George Vaughn,  
Neptune Beach  
Ralph B. Haverly, Jasper  
Sherry Grand, Live Oak  
The Purring Station, Live Oak  
Smoakhouse Ranch – Deb  
Cramer, Branford  
Love's Travel Stops #470, Jasper  
Zellwin Farms Co., Zellwood  
William L. Black, Jr., Lake City  
Toni Zarate-Flores, O'Brien  
Brian Strange, Live Oak  
NicholaS Gonzalez, Live Oak  
Ronald Castillo, Live Oak  
Joe Corker, Live Oak  
Larry M. Simmons, Live Oak  
Hunter Taylor Pinestraw,  
Glen St Mary  
David C. Smith, Wellborn  
Dorothy Roskey, Jasper  
Lichin Mobley, Live Oak  
Linda Glenn, Live Oak  
Dale W. Morris, Live Oak  
Shaji Thomas, Lake City  
Thelmisha L. Brown, McAlpin

Mark Coulsty, Hudson  
Randy Carey, Madison  
Mace Bauer, Lake City  
James H. McBrayer, Jasper  
Barbara Bogle, Jennings  
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Joe Moore, Lamont  
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Ray Morgan, Perry  
Shirley Johnson, Madison  
William Bud Leslein, Pinetta  
Amy Straka, Perry  
Randy Brewer, Greenville  
Dorothy Roskey, Jasper  
Sheila Hart, Greenville  
Terry Olive, Madison  
Kenneth Moore, Greenville  
Moses Benjamin Bhooshi, Davie  
Frank & Raye Lamonte,  
Greenville  
Valerie Thomas, Madison  
Mike Thomas, Jasper  
Jean Gionet, Lee  
Edmond J. Gionet, Lee

### MADISON STORE

Sapp Farms Partnership, Madison  
Richard M. Davis, Perry  
Charlie Mobley, Greenville

# Kids Grow Cabbages In 8th Co-op Contest

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Ethan Cook. Ethan's cabbage weighed in at 16.4 lbs and is a student in Mrs. Gurley's class at Lee Elementary School. Jayden Moore took second place with a 13.97 lb. cabbage. Jayden is also in Mrs. Gurley's class at Lee Elementary School. Cole Albritton's cabbage weighed 10.4 lbs and took third place, and he is a student in Mrs. Frake's class at Lee Elementary School.

Class winner in Mrs. Salls class is Wyatt Bass, and his cabbage weighed in at 8.29 lbs. Aiden Brown, a student in Mrs. Pickles class is their class winner with her cabbage weighing in at 7.73 lbs.

Kristian Gianino is Mrs. Ross' class winner with a cabbage that weighed 6.12 lbs. Mrs. Ross is a teacher at Pinetta Elementary School. Class winner at Madison County Central School is Brayden Coe. Brayden is a student in Mrs. Bish's class, and his cabbage weighed in at 3.01 lbs.

Nathan Reader, a student in Mrs. Waters class is the class winner, and his cabbage weighed 1.25 lbs. Nathan is a student at New Testament Christian School.

First place winners won a \$30.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat. Second place winners won a \$20.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, a Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat. Third place winners won a \$10.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Each class winner's name was put into a random drawing to win the pizza party along with a \$10.00 gift card from Farmers Cooperative, A Growing With Farmers Cooperative T-shirt and a Co-op hat.

Congratulations third graders for your

great participation in the Farmers Cooperative/Bonnie Plant Cabbage Growing Contest. And a special thank you to all the teachers who made this another very successful Bonnie Plant Cabbage Growing Contest.



**Jayden Moore, 13.97 lbs.,  
second place winner**



## Honorary Degrees

Suwannee High FFA recognized Farmers Cooperative General Manager Todd Lawrence (right) and Agronomy Division Manager, Barry Long with a Honorary Chapter FFA Degree for their support of Suwannee FFA.



## Suwannee River Jam Winner

Elizabeth Cromeenes (right) of Live Oak is the lucky winner of two free general admission weekend passes to the Suwannee River Jam that was held April 27-30. She's pictured with Samantha Sykes. To be eligible to win the tickets, all the customer had to do was buy Bonnie Plant vegetables and be entered into a drawing.

# Smell Gas ? Follow These Instructions

### USE PROPANE SAFELY

Propane gas is a safe, efficient, and clean source of energy that is easily transportable to your location. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has determined that over 1/3 of all propane-related accidents in Florida

involve consumers attempting to repair or service their own appliances themselves or by unlicensed, untrained technicians.

These accidents are occurring when gas appliances are removed from the premises and gas lines connecting these appliances are being left open. When the gas is turned on fires and explosions have resulted.

Florida law requires consumers and property owners to notify the gas dealer who next fills or services their propane equipment of any changes made to the propane system, especially when an appliance is removed. Failure to do so may result in serious injury, death or property damage.

### Safety is your responsibility.

If you smell gas you should follow these steps:

#### 1. NO FLAMES OR SPARKS!

This includes: do not operate lights, appliance telephones, or cell phones. Sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.

#### 2. LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY!

Get out of the building or area that you suspect gas is leaking.

#### 3. SHUT OFF THE GAS.

Turn off the main gas supply on your propane tank if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it off to the right (clockwise)

#### 4. REPORT THE LEAK.

From an area away from the leak, contact Farmers Cooperative by calling the local store number 24 hours a day. Make sure that you leave a number that you can be reached at other than where the leak is suspected.

#### 5. DO NOT RETURN TO THE AREA.

Make sure that Farmers Cooperative or your local fire department has determined that it is safe to re-enter the area.

#### 6. GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED.

Do not use any propane appliances until Farmers Cooperative has done an entire system check to ensure that it is leak-free.

Since there is a possibility of odor fade or problems with your sense of smell, you should respond immediately to even a faint odor of gas. If you have any further questions about the safety of propane, Farmers Co-op will be glad to answer them and provide safety brochures that you can review.

## WHERE ARE THESE FOLKS?

Farmers Cooperative is trying to locate the following people whose patronage refund checks have been returned from the U. S. Postal Service as "undeliverable."

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 Thomas J., Bailey, Jr., Wellborn  
 Regina W. Brown, Madison  
 Cheri L. Cazely, O'Brien  
 Rena Dunnam, Live Oak  
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