

## First Peas to the Table Contest Rules

Plant, raise and harvest peas this school year! NMAITC along with NM FFA will be holding our first official “First Peas to the Table” contest this school year and we invite all K-5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to participate! The winner of the contest will receive a “Pea-za Party” with your local FFA Chapter, a visit from some NM “Royalty” in Agriculture AND a \$100 to spend on classroom supplies. Please see contest guidelines below.

1. The contest is open to all K-5 classrooms that have had a “First Peas to the Table” presentation from either NMAITC, NM FFA or an affiliate with NMAITC.
2. There will be a Fall and a Spring contest. You must choose which contest you are going to enter; you may **not** enter both.
3. The fall contest will run from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 13<sup>rd</sup>.
4. The Spring Contest be open from January 20<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. Your class will have a 10 weeks’ time frame from planting to harvesting peas. *Ex. The start date is when you plant your seeds and the end date must be no longer than 10 weeks from the start date.*
6. 80 pea seeds are the limit on the amount of seeds that you may plant per class.
7. The type of pea seeds must be shelling peas/English peas.
8. Peas can be grown in any manner!
  - Indoor pots/beds
  - Hoop house
  - Hydroponically
  - Outside garden bed
9. Each class must keep and submit their pea journal log.
10. Each class must document their start and end date by photo.
11. Winner is determined by the class that has the most peas in cups at the end of the of the appointed date. (Measured to the nearest 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch).
12. Should there be a tie, the class that produces the most peas in the shortest amount of time wins.
13. The peas must be officially measured by a member of your local County Farm Bureau or a member of your local FFA chapter. (Contact information is available upon request).

**\*In conjunction with the contest, NMAITC encourages educators to invite local farmers and ranchers to speak in their classrooms about the importance of agriculture. Contacting your County Farm Bureau or local FFA Chapter is a great way to find local farmers!**