​Extemporaneous Public Speaking Practice Topics

Topics will be under the areas of:

* Agriscience and technology
* Agrimarketing and International agricultural relations
* Food and fiber systems
* Urban Agriculture

1. The long term impact of federal policies and programs on American agriculture.
2. Designer crops – sowing seeds for specific end uses.
3. Establishing the priorities in distributing and preserving America’s water supply
4. The role of animal research in the improvement of human and animal health.
5. Feeding a hungry world through biotechnology.
6. What is the role of agriculture education in urban schools?
7. The role of environmental incentives.
8. Creating non-food uses for agricultural products
9. Getting agriculture’s voice heard in our Federal Government.
10. The farmer’s shrinking share of the food dollar.
11. How to attract the beginning farmer.
12. Can organics be promoted without bashing the main stream?
13. Farm/commodity organizations and their relevance to today’s agriculturist.
14. Can urban agriculture play a role in reducing food insecurity in the United States?
15. Creating niche markets for locally produced food.
16. What is the future of large scale, commercial animal production in our country?
17. The impact of economies of scale on profitable food production.
18. Should Ag Ed teachers increase instruction in the area of Agri-Science?
19. Has production agriculture’s “Carbon Foot Print” affected our environment?
20. Who has the right to the water?
21. What can be done to balancing farmland preservation with a farmer’s right to sell his or her land?
22. What are the effects of agricultural biotechnology/genetic engineering (genetic modification) on the quality, availability, and consumer acceptance of food and food products?
23. From fashion week to FFA week, how does agriculture affect the fashion industry?
24. Agriculture’s response to PETA, Greenpeace and other activist organizations.
25. What impact could agriculture have on alternative power?
26. What steps can the agricultural industry (i.e. producers, agribusinesses, markets, etc.) take to insure the food supply remains safe? How can farmers communicate the safety of our food supply to consumers?
27. The price of farm technology relative to the price of food.
28. The future of sustainable agriculture movement.
29. The importance of managing risk in agriculture.
30. The US space program – How it benefits agriculture.
31. Wind Farms – Opportunity or scam?
32. Managing farm labor – The challenge of migrant workers.
33. If you could select three principles of American agriculture to share with young people in other countries, what would you select and why?
34. How can agritourism pay multiple dividends?
35. How does New Mexico Agriculture affect the United States?
36. The US tax structure and how it affects the US farmer/rancher.
37. How can farmers balance their role in protecting the food supply from terrorist strikes against regulations that have been (or are likely to be) imposed on them to improve security?
38. Why must agriculture trading rules be based on science?
39. Marketing US agricultural products to consumers in other countries.
40. Discuss the tools and resources that are available to help young people start a farming operation or develop an agribusiness.