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## 2010 Extemporaneous Speech Topics

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- Is organic farming overrated?
- Is locally grown, community supported agriculture a real opportunity for farmers?
- Can U.S. agriculture feed a hungry world and also provide renewable fuels?
- What animal practices are next in the crosshairs of animal rights groups?
- Is the term “family farm” about to become a thing of the past?
- Will proposed climate change legislation hurt or help U.S. agriculture?
- How important are agricultural commodity checkoff dollars?
- Is the Green Revolution creating more and more vegetarians?
- How can farmers and ranchers use social networking sites as a marketing tool?
- How can agriculture embrace urban community gardens as a teaching tool?
- Can local farmers and organic producers feed the world?
- Today, U.S. agriculturists are being asked to be more productive, and at the same time, more sustainable. Is that possible?
- Anti-agriculture activists have been increasingly visible in recent months. Are they armed with new claims?
- McDonald’s is the largest customer of U.S. agriculture products. However, fast food gets hammered in the modern liberal media. Can you defend McDonalds?
- Bill Gates recently said, “Environmentalists are standing in the way of feeding humanity.” What does he mean?
- Averaged across all farms, 89 percent of farm income now comes from off-farm sources. What steps must be taken to improve rural America?
- Will the urban population ever truly appreciate modern production agriculture?
- How serious is the threat of bioterrorism to the U.S. agriculture system and what can be done?
- How is the federal budget crisis affecting U.S. agriculture?
- Will cloning of farm animals achieve public acceptance?
- Are so called “factory farms” a real threat to global warming?

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- Is today's locally grown, farmer's market movement causing a media nightmare for large-scale agriculture?
- The world will need more than twice as much food by 2050 to feed a peak population of 8 billion humans and their pets. How does agriculture respond?
- With America's push for renewable energy development, how is Oklahoma poised to become a leader in this new 'green' energy economy?
- "Don't CAP our future." Do you agree or disagree with this slogan?