
2009 Extemporaneous Speech Topics

- How could sharing advanced agriculture technologies with other countries benefit those countries? Would the U.S. benefit as well?
- How can technology improve conservation as it relates to agriculture?
- If you could create one new technology to greatly improve the lives of American agriculturists, what would it be and why?
- Should agriculture support a free trade agreement with Colombia? Why or why not?
- What sort of international agreements need to be reached in order to ensure U.S. agriculture remains competitive?
- Should WTO agriculture subsidy and tariff restrictions be less stringent for developing countries?
- Should agriculture production continue to be subsidized by the U.S. government? Why or why not?
- What implications does the passage of the treatment of farm animals act in California have on agriculture as a whole?
- Should limitations be put in place for speculation in agricultural commodities? If so, what should they be?
- Have high food prices affected the urban view of agriculture in a positive or negative way?
- How can urban and rural water demands be balanced?
- Besides food production, what side benefits can arise from urban agriculture?
- Organic groups have major heartburn with the new U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack. Why?
- President Obama has tapped former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack as the new U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. What can agriculture producers expect from the new administration's agricultural policies?
- Genetic engineering is likely to provide big benefits for animal agriculture and society as a whole. Why do you agree or disagree with this statement?
- Should poultry litter be considered a hazardous waste?
- If poultry litter were considered solid or hazardous waste, how would that affect organic agriculture production?
- If poultry litter were considered a solid or hazardous waste, could that also affect Oklahoma's numerous cattle producers?
- Because OSU is our state's only land grant college, do you think agriculture producers should represent a majority of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University?

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- How important are export markets to U.S. agriculture?
- How do agricultural imports into the United States affect U.S. agricultural producers and consumers?
- Do large corporate farms receive an unfair share of government payments?
- Will Oklahoma's Switch grass become a biofuel reality — or not?
- Do animal rights groups want to destroy animal agriculture as we know it?
- Could there really be a “cow tax” in an effort to fight global warming?
- What are the up and down sides of minimum tillage?
- What are the tools farmers need to produce a safe, affordable, and abundant food supply?
- How can Oklahoma become a major player in the sustainable energy game over the next few years?
- Is stock show ethics improving or declining at Oklahoma's numerous livestock fairs and shows?
- To what extent should southeast Oklahoma share its water resources?
- How has the recession economy affected agricultural producers in Oklahoma?
- Has the COOL issue come to a satisfactory conclusion, or not?
- What technologies can agriculture producers use to positively contribute to the “Going Green” movement?
- How can using technology to turn annual crop seeds (such as wheat) into perennial seeds be an asset to producers and the environment?
- Should USDA-regulated horse slaughter be allowed in the United States?