
2011 Extemporaneous Speech Topics

- How will technology change agriculture production in the next 10 years?
- What newly developed technology will have the biggest impact on agriculture production in the next decade?
- What classes should be included in high school Agricultural Education curriculum to ensure graduates are prepared for technological advances in agriculture?
- If you could meet with the leader of a country that currently has limited U.S. imports, what would you say to convince this leader to open that country's markets to more U.S. imports?
- How can programs like FFA, 4-H, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, American Farmers and Ranchers, and other agriculture groups improve the public's perception of agriculture?
- When countries ban U.S. imports, what is the immediate and long-term affect on U.S. agriculture?
- How have the efforts of animal rights groups impacted animal agriculture in the past year?
- How can we encourage more young people to become involved in agriculture and provide them with the tools to remain there?
- What are the challenges and opportunities involved in preserving America's farmland?
- What unique opportunities exist for a farm operating close to urban areas such as Oklahoma City and Tulsa?
- How does urban sprawl affect production agriculture?
- What are ways that local communities can encourage urban farming?
- "Buying local" represents a small but growing trend in agriculture. How do you explain this rise in popularity, and what are some positives and negatives to this shift?
- What technologies will allow the United States to lead the world in food, fiber and fuel production in the future?
- What risk does Agri-Terrorism have on modern agricultural practices?
- Research shows that consumers care about who produces their food but are misinformed about the farmers who actually produce it. How do we better market the role of the American farmer and rancher?
- What is the benefit of mandatory price reporting in determining market information for cattle, hogs and sheep?
- Are farm support programs helpful or hurtful to the future of agriculture?

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- How can people in agriculture seize on the current trends in the social consciousness of our food supply to educate and inform consumers, rather than confuse and divide them?
- How can social media play a role in educating our urban consumers about today's agriculture?
- How do you view GIPSA and its affect on U.S. agriculture?
- How do you view EPA's control of dust emissions?
- Congressman Frank Lucas is the first Oklahoman to serve as Chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee. What should Congressman Lucas's top three priorities be on this year's Committee agenda?
- What should be the approach of USDA in regulating modified crops and livestock?
- Agriculturalists today are being asked to be more sustainable. What does that mean, and is it doable?