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## 2005 Extemporaneous Topics

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- What we are seeing in this country is a decline in the number of farmers, but farm size has increased. What is driving this revolution?
- Supporters of large-scale farming say advances in technology are making farming more environmentally friendly. Explain.
- Today, farmers are producing record crops despite using less land. How is that possible?
- Do you think there is still a place for both small and large farms in this country? Explain.
- The U.S. must have a reliable and efficient method for tracking and finding livestock and poultry during an animal disease investigation or when an animal health emergency occurs. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- Oklahoma farmers and ranchers are reporting thousands of dollars in damage each year from geese and feral hogs. What are the issues, and can we control the problem?
- Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Attorney General Drew Edmondson have been in a bitter battle over the State's poultry industry. What are the issues, and which side do you support?
- U.S. farm subsidy programs continue to come under increasing criticism. What justifications do farm organizations use in fighting for continued subsidy programs for U.S. farmers and ranchers?
- What actions are being undertaken to protect the U.S. food and agricultural system from bioterrorism attacks?
- Oklahoma livestock producers are dealing with numerous waste management issues and environmental regulations. Are they being good stewards?
- How important is agriculture to Oklahoma's economy?
- The credibility of junior livestock shows has come under fire in recent years because of evidence of illegal growth stimulants and unethical grooming practices. Do we still have a culture of cheating at Oklahoma youth livestock shows?
- What are the key steps to having a successful high school agricultural education program and FFA chapter in a local school and community?
- Is FFA living up to the mission of premier leadership, personal growth and career success?
- Is the cloning of livestock a good idea or bad idea? Explain.