

# 2024 Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

## Current Agriculture Issues

1. Mental health issues and opioid abuse have become major issues facing the agriculture community. How should the industry address the issue?
2. What three issues should be the top priorities for the agricultural industry in the reauthorization of the Farm Bill?
3. What are some potential impacts of rising interest rates on the agricultural industry and what steps can the industry take to lessen the impact of these issues?
4. What role can agriculture play in the economic development and revitalization of rural communities?

## Advancing Agriculture through Agricultural Science

1. What scientific advancements can be implemented to help increase global food production while increasing sustainability?
2. Discuss the impacts of artificial intelligence on the agricultural industry in the next decade.
3. How can the agriculture industry reduce carbon emissions through best management practices and technological advancements?

## Agriculture Literacy and Advocacy

1. How can the agriculture industry take advantage of growing consumer interest in where food comes from and how it is produced?
2. Name a common misconception about the agricultural industry. Discuss why this misconception is harmful and steps that can be taken to correct the misconception.
3. Describe programs or events that can be brought into schools or community events to help children better understand the agricultural industry.

## Agriculture Marketing and International Agriculture

1. Why are trade agreements, like the U.S-Mexico-Canada Agreement, important to agriculturalists?
2. What are some current marketing resources that can be used by farmers to increase farm income and profitability?
3. How can farmers mitigate the effects of volatile global markets on their input costs and shifting commodity prices?

