

# 2026 Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

*Students will draw three topics from the list below and will then write their speech on one of the topics.*

## **Current Agriculture Issues**

1. What three issues should be the top priorities for the agricultural industry in the reauthorization of the Farm Bill?
2. Each year Kentucky loses thousands of acres of farmland to development. What can be done to slow down or prevent the development of farmland in our state and across the nation?
3. Discuss the impact of rising input costs on the agricultural industry, especially during a time of low or stagnant commodity prices?
4. How can the agriculture industry better support new and beginning farmers?

## **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 international trade agreements 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?
4. Discuss the pros and cons of country of origin labeling for beef and other agricultural products.



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