

2024-2025 Extemporaneous Public Speaking Topics

1. How do pinning zone systems affect Oregon specialty crop production?
2. How does the use of food labeling in marketing affect the relationship between agricultural producers and consumers?
3. How has pesticide misuse affected the management of pesticides?
4. How will GFI 263, which requires veterinary supervision for the use of antibiotics for livestock, impact the livestock industry?
5. How has a labor shortage impacted the management practices and production of Oregon agriculture commodities?
6. How have aquifer retention practices and regulations impacted domestic food supply?
7. How has energy production impacted Oregon agricultural landowners?
8. What are strategies that can be utilized to address public perceptions of agriculture?
9. What are the impacts of SB 85 on CAFO operations in Oregon?
10. How does the use of media affect the initiatives and regulations regarding agriculture?
11. How are hydroelectric facilities impacting industrial, agricultural, and environmental interests?
12. What impacts does the Emerald Ash Borer have on natural resources and what practices are being done to reduce their spread?
13. How does deforestation affect biodiversity and the change of climate?
14. How has SB 762 affected the spread of wildfires and what changes should be made to incorporate the needs of diverse areas?

15. Why were the Coho, Chum, and Chinook Salmon, as well as Steelhead classified as threatened or endangered, and what is being done to increase their populations?
16. How can double cropping affect our domestic food supply?
17. How have precision ag techniques impacted Oregon's diverse agricultural production systems?
18. What are key factors affecting climate change, and what can agriculturalists do to improve it?
19. What are current challenges in forest management, and what adaptations are being made?
20. What are the impacts of development in wetland areas and how are species being affected?
21. How is agricultural education adapting to the diversity of communities?
22. How has the lower enrollment in public schools impacted the hands-on learning experience that agricultural education provides?
23. How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the younger generation of agriculturalists?
24. How can agricultural education help increase student engagement and belonging in agriculture?
25. How can industry professionals become a resource for agricultural education?
26. How has social media influenced agriculture?
27. How does the urban and rural divide affect the viability of agriculture?
28. How does ag teacher retention and turnover affect an FFA chapter as a whole?
29. What are the impacts of Oregon FFA being an affiliated state?
30. How will artificial intelligence play a role in modern day agriculture?