Beef Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Keeping and using performance records
2. Selecting replacement heifers
3. Selecting and using forages in feeding beef cattle
4. Management of the beef cow at calving time (prior, during and after)
5. Selecting a beef cattle breeding program
6. Coping with calving difficulties
7. Marketing beef cattle
8. Culling the cow herd
9. Controlling parasites in beef cattle
10. Livestock waste management
11. Controlling diseases in beef cattle
12. Providing equipment and facilities for beef cattle
Crop Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Selecting and preparing land for producing ____________.
2. Selecting a suitable variety of ____________.
3. Controlling diseases in ____________.
4. Controlling weeds in ____________.
5. Controlling pests in ____________.
6. Harvesting and storing ____________.
7. Utilizing labor efficiently in the production of ____________.
8. Marketing ____________.
9. Providing proper nutrients for ____________.
10. Determining whether to grow ____________.

*STUDENT SELECTS THE SPECIFIC CROP OR AREA TO SPEAK ABOUT.*
Dairy Cattle Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Planning and implementing a good record system
2. Marketing dairy products
3. Providing proper nutrients for dairy animals
4. Identifying breeds of dairy animals
5. Using labor efficiently in the dairy
6. Feeding the milking herd
7. Culling the dairy herd
8. Taking proper care of the dairy herd
9. Selecting and securing dairy animals
10. Breeding dairy cattle
11. Providing proper facilities for the dairy herd
12. Providing proper replacements for the dairy herd
13. Controlling diseases and parasites in dairy cattle
14. Fitting and showing of dairy cattle
Floral Impromptu Speaking Topics – (Revised 2007)

1. Influential periods on today’s floral designs.
2. Care and handling of fresh flowers and foliage.
3. Using the basic principles of design in flower arranging.
4. Using color to create a complete floral design.
5. Preserving flowers and foliage.
6. Importance of effective sales skills in floral design.
7. Knowing and using the proper mechanics, supplies, and safety techniques in creating a floral design.
8. Importance of creating and maintaining store displays throughout the year.
9. Importance of green plants in Interiorscaping.
10. Indoor plant maintenance.
11. Selecting indoor plants.
Fruit and Vegetable Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Seed bed preparation for vegetable crops
2. Controlling weeds in vegetable production
3. Growing field tomatoes in Kentucky
4. Growing bell peppers in Kentucky
5. Growing cucumbers in Kentucky
6. Planning the home garden
7. Using mulches in vegetable production
8. Controlling insects and diseases in the home garden
9. Growing strawberries in Kentucky
10. Proper pruning of fruit trees
11. Planning the home orchard
12. Staking, supporting and training plants
13. Controlling insects and diseases in the orchard
Goat Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Raising goats for brush and weed control.
2. Foot Management of goats.
3. Caring for the doe and kids at kidding time.
4. Securing breeding animals.
5. Breeding the herd.
6. Controlling internal & external parasites of goats.
7. Marketing goat kids.
Greenhouse Impromptu Speaking Topics (Revised 2007)

1. Correct watering and irrigation of greenhouse plants.
2. Controlling insects and diseases of greenhouse crops.
4. Preparing growing media for greenhouse crops.
5. Choosing a greenhouse structure.
6. Growing bedding plants for spring sales.
7. Growing pot mums for sales.
9. Components of growing media for greenhouse crops.
10. Controlling the greenhouse environment.
12. Importance of effective sales skills in greenhouse production.
Horse Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Proper breeding and re-breeding of horses
2. Care of mares at foaling
3. Providing proper nutrition for horses
4. Show preparation and showing of horses
5. Proper training methods for horses
6. Controlling diseases of horses
7. Controlling parasites of horses
8. Breeds of horses and the horse industry
9. Identifying or judging the ideal horse
10. Year round management of the stable
11. Selecting tack, equipment and facilities for a horse operation
12. Proper foot and leg care for horses
Nursery and Landscape Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Propagation of nursery stock
2. Pruning and shaping of nursery plants
3. Controlling insects and diseases in the nursery
4. Controlling weeds in the nursery
5. Growing nursery stock in containers
6. Planting trees and shrubs properly
7. Establishing vines, groundcovers and hedges
8. Grafting nursery plants
9. Creating the landscape plan
10. Protecting nursery stock in the winter months
11. Maintaining the landscape
12. Using trees and shrubs in the landscape
13. Designing patios and decks for the home
14. Using annuals and special plants for accent and impact in the landscape
Poultry Impromptu Topics

1. Pros and cons of different housing systems. For example cages, free range, free roaming, cage free and aviaries)

2. Nutrition for the backyard flock.

3. Selecting breeds for small flocks.

4. Disease prevention in poultry.

5. Bio-security and food safety for the poultry industry.

6. Avian Influenza: What it is and how to protect against its establishment.

7. Environmental impact of the poultry industry (water and air) and the value of poultry litter and manure as fertilizers?

8. Pros and cons of contract farming and large corporate poultry companies.

9. Marketing organically produced eggs.


11. Role of Poultry and eggs in a healthy diet.
Sheep Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Caring for the ewe and lambs at lambing time
2. Securing breeding animals
3. Breeding the flock
4. Controlling internal and external parasites of sheep
5. Marketing lambs
6. Preparing rations for sheep
7. Controlling diseases of sheep
8. Managing the lambs
9. Providing shelter and feeding equipment for sheep
10. Fitting and showing sheep
11. Identifying breeds of sheep
12. Marketing wool
Small Animal Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Selecting rabbits for showing
2. Selecting a dog or cat for a pet
3. Feeding the breeding rabbit
4. Feeding your cat or dog
5. Housebreaking your dog or cat
6. Training dogs for family living and work
7. Identifying breeds of rabbits, dogs or cats
8. Controlling parasites and diseases of dogs, cats or rabbits
9. Providing housing and sanitation for rabbits
10. Grooming your cat, dog or rabbit
Swine Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Using records in improving the swine business
2. Selecting a system of hog production
3. Select and breed hogs efficiently
4. Feed and manage the swine breeding herd
5. Manage and care for sows properly during gestation and through farrowing
6. Feed and management of baby pigs from birth to weaning
7. Feed and management of pigs from weaning to market
8. Feed and management of the boar
9. Selecting replacement females
10. Provide housing and equipment for the swine operation
11. Livestock waste management
12. Marketing swine efficiently
13. Treatment of ____________________ disease in swine
14. Treatment of ____________________ parasites in swine
Turf and Lawn Care Impromptu Speaking Topics

1. Establishing new lawns
2. Renovation of existing lawns
3. Mowing turf grasses properly
4. Caring for newly established lawns
5. Sodding lawns and turf areas properly
6. Lawn power equipment safety
7. Controlling turf and lawn diseases
8. Developing a year round turf management program
9. Proper watering of turf and lawn grasses
10. Selecting turf grasses for Kentucky
11. Controlling turf and lawn insects