EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING TOPICS

List of the possible topics for 2015 regional and state contests:

1. Discuss the possible implications (positive and negative) of the sustainable agriculture/locally grown foods movement on American agriculture.

2. How will the EPA’s proposed “Waters of the US” affect Kentucky agriculture?

3. Several states have proposed requirements that products with genetically modified organisms be labeled as such. How could this affect agriculture in the years to come?

4. What effects could changes to US immigration laws have on agriculture?

5. How can value added agriculture and agri-tourism be driving forces in local economic development?

6. How can Agricultural Education work to insure an adequate supply of effective Teachers of Agriculture in the years to come?

7. How might consumer concerns about health, nutrition, and obesity impact American agriculture in the years to come?

8. Discuss the importance of Agricultural Education students having an understanding of global agriculture issues and/or having a global experience in agriculture.

9. Discuss the tools and resources that are available to help young people start a farming operation or develop an agribusiness.

10. Discuss the impact of the Kentucky Livestock Care Standards on the livestock industry in our state.

11. How has new technology (including smart phones, social media, Web 2.0, etc) changed the way American farmers operate? How will this technology impact agriculture in the future?

12. What is the role of the agriculture industry in reducing the number of individuals who are food insecure around the world?