

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
2026
CHAPTER EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS
To be used in Chapter contest only in 2026

1. Are we investing enough in American Agriculture? Why or why not?
2. How can farmers reduce the possibility of “genetic erosion” through their farming practices?
3. What type of tax reform would be most beneficial to California Farmers and Ranchers?
4. As more meat alternatives become available in mainstream restaurants, is this new technology an opportunity for enhanced value-added products, or a threat to modern livestock production?
5. Where in a student’s education (K-12) should agriculture be taught?
6. Does RFID technology provide more opportunities for livestock care or promote a more hands-off approach to animal management?
7. How can agriculturists help the public discern between marketing propaganda and legitimate healthy food choices?
8. As California moves to implement electric vehicles and clean energy, how will agriculturists have to adapt to meet these requirements, and is it feasible?
9. What are the biggest barriers to the success of urban agriculture?
10. What is a food shed? In what ways does urban agriculture affect it?
11. What international trade relations have changed U.S. agriculture over the past 50 years? What have we learned about future trade relations?
12. Should producers be held liable for foodborne illnesses? How can we further educate the public to establish safer cooking practices and eliminate occurrences of cross-contamination?
13. How can animal agriculture help improve the land and improve the environment, and protect other natural resources?
14. What changes are needed in the 2023 Farm Bill versus the current Farm Bill?
15. Farmers utilize many advanced systems in their operations. What is one invention that you think could revolutionize production agriculture?
16. What food-labeling regulations should be imposed on lab-grown meat by the FDA?
17. Are forest management techniques an effective method to decrease the severity of wildfires in California?
18. Are current methods to control invasive species doing enough to protect agricultural crops and native species?
19. Should commodity groups limit acreage in order to limit supply and demand?
20. How can we utilize genetic technologies to provide a solution to the GMO debate?