**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA**

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***CHAPTER EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS***

***TO BE USED IN CHAPTER CONTESTS ONLY***

1. What are some advantages/disadvantages to marketing produce locally such as farmers markets and local vendors?

2. How can animal agriculture help improve land, the environment, and protect other natural resources?

3. Social media is an excellent way to teach others about agriculture. What are some of the most effective social media tools and techniques to help advocate for the agriculture industry?

4. What opportunities and challenges do drones create for farmers and ranchers?

5. Are government regulations necessary in agriculture? What are the positive and negative effects of having these regulations?

6. What are the biggest challenges the agriculture industry must manage when communicating with consumers?

7. How has new technology (including smart phones, social media, Web 2.0, etc.) changed the way

American farmers operate?

8. What are three hot topic issues facing agriculture today, and which do you see as the most pressing?

9. If the structure of the Agricultural Education model is successful, why hasn’t the three-circle model been adopted in other subject areas?

10. How does the current uncertainty in trade agreements affect the agriculture industry?

11. Describe the steps the agriculture industry is taking to combat global climate change.

12. How do leaders on our local, state, and federal level influence agriculture in California?

13. How are producers in California meeting diverse demands in the state, national, and global marketplace?

14. How can farmers markets become an avenue to positively influence general public’s perception of agriculture?

15. What role does agriculture technology have in dealing with environmental challenges, such as drought?

16. Does California need to improve its water infrastructure to meet the water needs of both the farmer and the urban consumers?

17. Should Congress create a visa program for the entry of a foreign legal workforce to work on United States agriculture land and farms, but that also allows those currently experienced yet unauthorized agricultural workers who pay a fine and pass a background check to continue working in agriculture?

18. The United Nations estimates that one-third of the world’s food goes to waste. What can agriculture producers do to reduce or eliminate waste in their production and distribution process?