

## **2014 National FFA Extemporaneous Questions ROUND 1 TOPICS**

### **Agriscience and Technology:**

1. US agriculture is one of the most industries for the American economy. What can farmers do to stimulate more economic growth?
2. What opportunities and challenges do drones create for farmers and ranchers?
3. What is the impact of having more farmland owned by non-operator landowners? How does trend this influence conservation practices?

### **Agrimarketing and International Agriculture:**

1. Does American agriculture do a good job of telling their story to the general public? What are some examples?
2. How is it to America's benefit to help other countries advance their agriculture practices, and how does this play a part in the U.S.'s international ag relations?
3. Should the federal government be allowed to market their agenda, such as proposed regulations, or should they play it straight and let the public decided?

### **Food and Fiber Systems:**

1. It is very important for people to see and know where their food comes from. Should states or rural areas offer visits to farms to see where their food comes from? Is this beneficial?
2. What part does production agriculture play in our food and fiber system? What other industries provide input and output for production agriculture in the food and fiber system
3. How should agricultural settings engage farmer/rancher members, representing all types and kinds of operations (conventional, organic, large, small and niche markets), to work together to better promote a more positive image of agriculture.

### **Urban Agriculture:**

1. Do you think youth that grow up on farms realize how important it is to return to their family farms to keep up the traditions of farming?
2. How sustainable are the current agriculture practices and how do you explain sustainability to the consumer?
3. What challenges and opportunities exist for farms located near urban areas?