2017 EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING TOPICS

1. How have Oregon labor issues affected agriculture in the Pacific Northwest?
2. How should agriculture address regulations concerning emerging technology?
3. How has the Oregon Wolf Management Plan affected Oregon agriculture?
4. How can agriculturalists work with food banks and pantries to control local hunger in their community?
5. How do the current food grading standards affect the public’s perception of agricultural products and dictate consumer choices?
6. How can production agriculture maximize the use of chemicals while reducing the environmental impacts?
7. How can ranchers balance their needs of their operations with the ecological needs of sage dependent species?
8. In what ways can Oregon agriculturalists address water use issues in times of drought?
9. How can agriculturalists help to reduce the public’s fear of production agricultural standards and practices?
10. How does the endangered species act affect Oregon agriculture?
11. How does the club animal and show industry affect the commercial livestock industry?
12. How do invasive species impact Oregon agriculture?
13. How has the legalization of cannabis affect Oregon Agriculture?
14. How does current wild horse management affect Oregon’s Agriculture Industry?
15. American farmers are aging, what can we do to help the new generation take their place?
16. How will the veterinary feed directive affect animal agriculture?
17. How do we as agriculturalists preserve genetic crop diversity?
18. How does Career Technical Education prepare students for high wage, high demand careers?

19. Why are bees crucial to agriculture and what can we as agriculturalists do to prevent colony collapse disorder in honey bees?

20. How have advancements in embryology affected nation-wide livestock production?

21. How has the recent increase in catastrophic wildfires affected the agriculture industry?

22. How is wildlife impacted by the increase in development of wind farms?

23. Should the federal government own land?

24. What are the solutions to the shortage of Agricultural Educators?

25. Should states be allowed to establish GMO labelling laws?

26. How will the restriction in antibiotic use affect the livestock industry?

27. How does scientific testing on livestock affect the public’s perception of agriculture?

28. What management techniques can livestock producers use to improve their range land?

29. How do free trade agreements affect agriculture production in the Northwest?

30. How have timber management practices changed the face of the timber industry?