

## **2019-20 Extemporaneous Public Speaking Topics**

1. Should sea lions be removed from the base of dams for fish survival?
2. Does the benefit of alternative energy sources outweigh the loss of agricultural land or aesthetic value of the area?
3. How could mandated agriculture education curriculum in elementary schools affect future consumer awareness?
4. What roles will agriscience and technology play in feeding the world by 2050?
5. How have Oregon's wildfire prevention methods affected wildfires and Oregon agriculture?
6. Does Oregon's reputation as a "green" state attract business?
7. Who should own precision ag data? The farmer or the equipment manufacturer?
8. Should the Oregon Department of Education modernize high school graduation requirements, with career readiness in mind?
9. Should environmental groups be allowed to sue on behalf of a species, plot of land, etc.?
10. Is it appropriate to have different wage rates in different parts of the state?
11. How do we bridge the rural and urban divide in Oregon?
12. What affects could changes to US immigration laws have on agriculture?
13. How should predator control be funded in the state of Oregon?
14. What are the consequences of dam removal and are the benefits worth the cost?
15. Has Oregon's land use policy been beneficial, and should it be continued?
16. How do potato growers correct the nutritional myth that potatoes are unhealthy?
17. Should the state of Oregon adopt a state vegetable to support marketing and export efforts for that commodity?

18. Should growers be compensated by the Federal government when foreign policy results in trade barriers that effectively close off export markets for their products?
19. Given the annual growth rate in timber stands within Federal Forests in Oregon, are current forest management practices resulting in sustainable federal forests and if not, what practices need to change?
20. What non-lethal tools could be used to address wolf-livestock conflict to effectively protect the economic interests of livestock producers in Oregon?
21. What alternative to Cap and Trade can Oregon agriculture leaders put forth to address climate change?
22. Should commercial businesses supporting Agri-tourism, such as brew pubs in a hop yard or wedding venues on a farm, be allowed on EFU land?
23. Is requiring a permit to clean a ditch on your farm over regulation, or protecting the common good?
24. What alternatives should be adopted to control the wild horse and burro population in the Western United States?
25. What tools should Oregon Hazelnut producers adopt to increase domestic consumption of their product to offset the rapid increase in acreage?
26. How can house districts be redrawn to ensure rural Oregon is better represented in Salem?
27. How can we utilize emerging genetic technologies to provide a solution to the GMO debate?
28. Do farmer's markets bridge or widen the urban-rural divide?
29. What food-labeling regulations should be imposed on lab-grown meat by the FDA?
30. What role does hemp have in the future of Oregon agriculture?