

2020-2021 Extemporaneous Public Speaking Topics

1. Should the state of Oregon adopt the potato as the state vegetable to support marketing and export efforts for that commodity?
2. With constant delays in season's starts, should the crabbing industry change its timeframe?
3. Should growers be compensated by the Federal government when foreign policy results in trade barriers that effectively close off export markets for their products?
4. 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?
5. What non-lethal tools could be used to address wolf-livestock conflict to effectively protect the economic interests of livestock producers in Oregon?
6. What alternative to the CAT tax can Oregon agriculture leaders put forth to address climate change?
7. 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?
8. Is requiring a permit to clean a ditch on your farm over regulation, or protecting the common good?
9. Should the shellfish industry modify their practices to account for acidification of the water they inhabit?
10. Should the USDA re-evaluate the inspection and re-opening of horse slaughter facilities?
11. What tools should Oregon Hazelnut producers adopt to increase domestic consumption of their product to offset the rapid increase in acreage?
12. How can house districts be redrawn to ensure rural Oregon is better represented in Salem?
13. Is sexing semen (female specific) harming or helping the dairy industry?

14. How can we utilize emerging genetic technologies to provide a solution to the GMO debate?
15. What food-labeling regulations should be imposed on lab-grown meat by the FDA?
16. What role does hemp have in the future of Oregon agriculture?
17. What crops should be eligible for direct federal aid under the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program and other USDA funding sources?
18. What rules should be imposed on Oregon's commercial crab fishery to reduce the risk of whale entanglements?
19. Should the United States dairy industry implement supply management?
20. Should Congress increase regulation of the meat packing industry to protect livestock producers?
21. Are current methods to control invasive species doing enough to protect agricultural crops and native species?
22. How can agriculture develop methods to conserve water while not negatively impacting their water rights?
23. Should alternative energy generation farms be allowed on high value farm land?
24. What is an acceptable risk between public health and the economic benefit of herbicides and other agricultural chemicals?
25. Should feral pigs be moved into a game animal status so they can be legally hunted?
26. Should commodity groups limit acreage in order to limit supply and demand?
27. How will changes in US immigration policies affect agriculture?
28. How will the increase in hazelnut production affect Oregon's economy?
29. How should the supply chain be managed to the benefit of those involved from farm to consumer?
30. Are H2A workers essential to Oregon's agricultural economy?