

MICHIGAN FFA EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Topics and Sources

The sources below can be used to gather information about these four main topic areas:

1. Agricultural Literacy and Current Issues
2. Food and Fiber Systems
3. Agriscience and Technology
4. Natural Resources and Environmental Stewardship

Questions for each topic area may involve (but are not limited to) the following areas:

1. Agricultural Literacy and Current Issues
 - a. AFNR Education
 - b. Promotion and Social Media
 - c. Current Agricultural Issues
 - d. FFA Issues
2. Food and Fiber Systems
 - a. Agroterrorism
 - b. Agricultural Commodities
 - c. Nutrition
 - d. Food Safety
3. Agriscience and Technology
 - a. Agricultural Research
 - b. Alternative Energy
 - c. Biotechnology
 - d. Non-Traditional Agricultural Practices
4. Natural Resources and Environmental Stewardship
 - a. Wildlife Management
 - b. Land Use
 - c. Pollution
 - d. Water Use

Information for these topics can be found at the following websites as well as other reputable agricultural, food, and natural resources sites:

American Farmland Trust	www.farmland.org
American Farm Bureau	www.fb.org
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	http://www.michigan.gov/mdard
Michigan Farm Bureau	www.michiganfarmbureau.com
Morning Ag Clips	www.morningagclips.com
United States Department of Agriculture	www.usda.gov