

Quiz:

Careers in Agriculture

- By Jessica Walker Boehm

Good news: If you're interested in pursuing a career in agriculture, you have an ever-growing array of options.

The challenging part? Deciding which career might be the best match for you.

That's where AgExplorer comes in. With more than 300 career opportunities available for you to learn about, National FFA worked with AgCareers.com and many partners such as Culver's and Syngenta to develop this interactive website that can help you find your future in agriculture.

As you imagine all the possibilities, test your knowledge of agriculture-related careers by filling in the blanks below.

- _____ help ensure that students understand the importance of the agriculture industry and can identify where their food, fuel and fiber come from.
- _____ repair and maintain unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).
- Those who work as _____ collaborate with landowners and federal, state and local governments to manage, improve and protect natural resources.
- _____ sell agricultural products or services for their companies.
- _____ design and develop agricultural equipment and system products that help farmers improve the yield of their land.
- _____ diagnose diseases by examining animal tissue and body fluids.

ANSWER OPTIONS:

- A.** Inside sales representatives
- B.** Agriculture educators
- C.** Drone technicians
- D.** Conservationists
- E.** Veterinary pathologists
- F.** Design engineers

Answers: 1. Agriculture educators (B) 2. Drone technicians (C) 3. Conservationists (D) 4. Inside sales representatives (A) 5. Design engineers (F) 6. Veterinary pathologists (E)

DISCOVER YOUR DREAM JOB

Still looking for a role that piques your interest and suits your skills? Continue your search at **AgExplorer.FFA.org**. You can also check out the jobs and internship board after creating and logging into your account on **ForeverBlueNetwork.org**.

Give Great Speeches

Discover five tips to deliver an amazing speech your audience won't forget.

- By Jessica Mozo

Public speaking is a core component of the National FFA Organization. Regardless of what career you choose, being able to speak confidently will help set you up for success.

However, this requires extensive preparation and practice. Just ask Kade Lawrence of Canyon FFA in Texas. He won the 2023 National FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event, which is sponsored by Elanco, Rabo AgriFinance and Tractor Supply Co., and believes effective communication is an invaluable life skill everyone should strive for.

Read on for Lawrence's five P's of public speaking so you can also write and present an award-winning speech that leaves a lasting impression.

- 1. Be positive.** Listeners prefer to hear about an enjoyable experience with a happy ending. Keep your mannerisms light, positive and upbeat.
- 2. Be passionate.** Choose a topic you feel enthusiastic about and express your passions through your presentation. After all, if you find a topic dull, imagine how it'll feel to your audience.
- 3. Be particular.** A well-developed speech is not shy of specifics, but rather attentive to details. Use information, evidence and facts to support your topic and keep the audience engaged from start to finish.
- 4. Be poised.** It's advantageous to practice your speech exactly how you'll deliver it. A composed, dignified and self-assured speaker has the confidence to deliver a captivating speech.
- 5. Be presentable.** A neat and professional appearance makes all the difference. In addition to establishing a strong first impression, it conveys your seriousness and professionalism.

Learn From the Best

As you refine your speaking skills, find additional inspiration from talented speakers who've graced the National FFA Convention & Expo stage. Scan this code to access a full collection of past convention keynotes and retiring addresses.

