

For Event Purposes Only—2019 FFA Agronomy CDE Current Issues Current Issues - Suggested Questions for Judges

Article 1 - USA Today 7/31/2018 “Open Borders Help Economy Combat Illegal Immigration”

Question - How would open borders impact agriculture?

Pro's- increased labor supply, reduction and cost saving of government agencies monitoring H2A, hiring of undocumented workers

Con's- Competition for jobs will increase, migration of immigrants will most likely be concentrated along the border close to their families, increase demand of social services will stress the current systems.

Article 2 – Agricultural & Applied Economics Society 2017 “Trump, Immigration and Ag”

Questions:

1. Labor shortages and immigration have a long history in the US. How is our current situation different from other past situations? Explain similarities and differences.
2. As labor shortages continue and labor cost continues to increase, give a couple possible solutions to help solve these challenges?

Article 3 – Ag Daily 8/8/2018 “How immigration policy fits into agriculture’s future”

Questions:

1. What impact would mechanization and automation have on solving the labor issues in Agriculture?
2. Since the majority of labor is imported from Mexico and labor cost continue to rise, what are your thoughts regarding moving all UA food production to Mexico?

Article 4 – The Hill 1/17/18 “US Farmers need sound immigration policy for agricultural workforce”

Questions:

1. As the President considers methods to strengthening border security, describe the pro’s and con’s relating to having the president negotiating an agreement (treaty, or executive order) with foreign countries, resulting in conditional legal status for qualifying farm workers residing in the United States.
2. Is immigration relating to food production, a domestic policy or foreign policy. Explain your answer.