

2014 National FFA Extemporaneous Questions

PRELIMINARY ROUND 2

Agriscience and Technology:

1. How can young agriculturalists introduce new technology into their family farms and yet still relate to the traditions of an older generation?
2. With all the data being collected from precision farming practices, who does that data belong to?
3. How has social media affected agriculture?

Agrimarketing and International Agriculture:

1. Would the agriculture market be better off without government intervention by letting the free market system work? Why or why not?
2. What are the best practices for youth working on farms and ranches to ensure their safety and provide them learning opportunities in the area of agriculture production?
3. What role does the U.S. face in reducing the number of people who are food insecure around the world?

Food and Fiber Systems:

1. Food is food. Why is that we have so many “trends” out there to make people question their food and where it comes from?
2. With the world’s population expected to double by 2050, what changes need to be made to the current food and fiber system in order to feed the growing population?
3. How can the agriculture industry help consumers understand food labels and what they really mean? What role does the government play?

Urban Agriculture:

1. Should back yard farms be inspected to ensure food safety? Why or why not?
2. Is urban agriculture economically viable? Why or why not?
3. Describe the potential effect that urban agriculture production has on “foodsheds” across the country.