

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA**  
**2019**  
***EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS***  
**For Use in Chapter Competition Only**

1. What do you see as the long-term impacts of California's drought?
2. Are FFA Contests educating students on important areas of the agriculture industry or just training them on how to win?
3. Should the FFA uniform be updated?
4. What is the sustainability of grass-fed beef?
5. Feedlot production: benefit or burden?
6. How do immigration policies impact the agriculture industry and workforce in the United States?
7. Antibiotics in the livestock industry: A prescription for trouble?
8. What is a better purchase: organic or conventionally grown food?
9. What effect do Free Trade Agreements have on California Agriculture?
10. What challenges and opportunities exist for farms located near urban areas?
11. 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?
12. What are the positives and negatives of software-driven/mechanical labor versus human labor?
13. Are genetically modified (GM) crops safe for human consumption
14. How do you define urban agriculture?
15. How will social media impact the acceptance, or rejection, of new production technologies in the future?
16. What classes should be included in high school agricultural curriculum to ensure that graduates are prepared for careers in agriculture?
17. How should the Agriculture Industry answer to the general public regarding the safety concerns of genetically modified (GM) crops in the national and world food supply?
18. Should water allotments to farmers be equal throughout California?
19. What is the best approach for handling negative agriculture campaigns from activist groups such as the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and anti-GMO groups?
20. Are "locally grown" and "organic" trends here to stay?