

Sample Topics for Extemporaneous Public Speaking

(These are samples. Additional topics may be used for the actual CDE)

Agriscience & Technology

Using Hydroponics to Produce Food Crops
Using the Earth's Resources
Reproducing Plants
Using Biotechnology to Improve Life
Applying Principles of Soil Science
Applying Science to Food Preservation
Designing and Conducting Agricultural Research
Controlling Electrical Current: Circuits, Conductors & Insulators
Soil and Water Relationships: Permeability and Drainage
Animal Breeding and Reproduction

Agrimarketing & International Agriculture Relations

Selecting a Marketing Strategy
Establishing Prices for Meat Animals
Careers in Agriculture Sales
Using Commodity Futures
Manufacturing and Distributing Agricultural Equipment
Marketing Horticultural Products and Services
Understanding the World Food and Fiber Chain
United States Policies Affecting World Markets
The Effect of Tariffs and Embargoes on World Trade
How Foreign Competition Affects U.S. Trade Opportunities

Food & Fiber Systems

Methods of Harvesting Timber
Selecting Seed
Developing Conservation Plan
Managing the Cow-Calf Herd
Managing Market Hogs
Maximizing Your Crop Harvest
Conservation Tillage
The Use of Chemicals in Livestock Feed
Principles of Field Scouting
Maintaining Animal Health

Urban Agriculture

Improving Life with Companion Animals
Urban Encroachment on Farmland
Developing a Community Garden
Managing a Pet Store
Lawn Chemicals and the Urban Environment
Indoor Landscaping
Managing a Greenhouse
Developing Community Parks
Establishing a Farmers Market
Ag Literacy Activities for Urban Residence