

## 2017 State Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

### Agri-Science and Technology

- What should the government's role in genetic engineering be?
- What are the potential issues with multiple large agricultural technology organizations merging?
- What effect do potential "Wind Mill Farms" have on agricultural land and surrounding property owners?

### Agri-Marketing and International Ag Relations

- What role does the roll-out of each new Farm Bill play in markets domestically and internationally?
- Some states have banned dicamba soybeans. What effect does that have on the future of genetically modified seed?
- What role should the government (state and/or federal) play in agricultural disaster (snow storm, drought, flooding, etc) relief?

### Food and Fiber Systems

- How can farmers adapt to changing consumer demands within the food and fiber marketplace?
- As tiling has increased in popularity, what are ways to address unforeseen drainage issues resulting in other landowners' property damage?
- What effect does having both cage free and confinement facilities have on consumer perception of the specific industry?

### Urban Agriculture

- How can urban agriculturalists and traditional agriculturalists work in tandem to promote agriculture as a whole?
- What impact can vertical farming have in metropolitan areas?
- In what ways could conventional agriculturalists benefit from beekeeping in urban areas growing in popularity?