

## National FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event Topics

Year	Title	Round
1998	American agriculture's contribution to better human health care	Finals
1998	Balancing livestock production with environmental concerns	Finals
1998	Fast track trade negotiating authority and its impact on American agriculture	Finals
1998	How risk management impacts American farmers	Finals
1998	Maintaining a voice for American Agriculture in urban dominated Congress	Finals
1998	Maintaining the balance of population growth and food production in the future	Finals
1998	Maintaining the ecological balance while feeding the world	Finals
1998	The current world economic crisis and its impact on American agriculture	Finals
1998	The impact of consolidation of the United States meat industry	Finals
1998	The impact of the Japanese Yen on United States corn prices	Finals
1998	The issues surrounding high density livestock production operations	Finals
1998	The role of the International Money Fund in developing foreign agricultural markets	Finals
1998	Ethical issues facing American agriculture	Preliminary
1998	Maintaining a safe and abundant food supply	Preliminary
1998	Maintaining fair market value for producers of agricultural commodities	Preliminary
1998	Meeting the agriculture industry's employment needs for the 21 <sup>st</sup> century	Preliminary
1998	The environmental impact of urban lawn and garden care	Preliminary
1998	The impact of agricultural literacy on the future of the agriculture industry	Preliminary
1998	The outlook for the small-sized family farmer	Preliminary
1998	The role of agricultural literacy on the future of the agriculture industry	Preliminary
1998	The role of American agriculture in our global economy	Preliminary
1998	The role of the United States in helping third world countries develop their agriculture industry	Preliminary
1998	The urbanization of American farm land	Preliminary
1998	What is the future for rural America	Preliminary
1998	Changing the eating habits of over-weight Americans through agricultural research	Semi-Finals
1998	Creating non-food uses for agricultural products	Semi-Finals
1998	Is sustainable agriculture a realistic alternative to current agricultural practices?	Semi-Finals
1998	Resolving the E. Coli problem in agricultural produce	Semi-Finals
1998	The future of the ethanol industry	Semi-Finals
1998	The future of the United States meat industry	Semi-Finals
1998	The impact of agricultural non-point pollution on the environment	Semi-Finals
1998	The impact of marketing strategies in locking in profit for the American farmer	Semi-Finals
1998	The issue of consumer confidence in our nations food supply	Semi-Finals
1998	The issue of foreign bans on agricultural commodities produced by using growth hormones or genetic alteration	Semi-Finals
1998	The issue of opening foreign markets for American agricultural products	Semi-Finals

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1998	The role of precision farming techniques for agriculture's future	Semi-Finals
1999	The issue of adult agricultural literacy.	Preliminary
1999	Protecting our nation's ground water supply.	Preliminary
1999	Restoring profitability to the American Farmer.	Preliminary
1999	The future of the family farm.	Preliminary
1999	Maintaining the safety of our food supply.	Preliminary
1999	Getting agriculture's voice heard in our Federal Government.	Preliminary
1999	The effects of biotechnology on the future of the agricultural industry.	Preliminary
1999	Alternative uses of agricultural commodities.	Preliminary
1999	Maintaining fair trade policies for agricultural commodities.	Preliminary
1999	The effects of business consolidation on American agriculture.	Preliminary
1999	The impact of global economy on American agriculture.	Preliminary
1999	Maintaining consumer confidence in American agricultural commodities.	Preliminary
1999	American agriculture's roles in helping third world countries develop their economy.	Semi-Final
1999	Solution for the problem of E. Coli bacteria.	Semi-Final
1999	The ethics of genetic engineering.	Semi-Final
1999	Creating a common agenda for farmers and environmentalists.	Semi-Final
1999	Protecting American farmland from urban sprawl.	Semi-Final
1999	Establishing the priorities in distributing and preserving America's water supply.	Semi-Final
1999	The effects of biotechnology on the future of the agricultural industry.	Semi-Final
1999	Solving the issue of agricultural literacy.	Semi-Final
1999	The future of sustainable agriculture movement.	Semi-Final
1999	Moving toward high yield, conservation agriculture.	Semi-Final
1999	Exploring non-food uses of agricultural commodities.	Semi-Final
1999	The role of animal research in the improvement of human and animal health.	Semi-Final
1999	The effect of the European GMO ban on research and technology future.	Final
1999	The future of the Freedom to Farm Act.	Final
1999	The effect of vertical integration on American agriculture industry.	Final
1999	The effect of the consolidation of the meat packing industry on U. S. livestock producers.	Final
1999	The future of agriculture cooperatives.	Final
1999	The future of the ethanol industry.	Final
1999	Who should regulate biotechnology research and application?	Final
1999	The role of the Federal Government in providing a safety net for agricultural producers.	Final
1999	The effect of labeling food concerning GMO's and point of origin.	Final
1999	Agriculture's response to PETA, Greenpeace and other activist organizations.	Final

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1999	The impact of limiting agricultural biotechnology research on the human health care industry.	Final
2000	Solving the issue of adult agricultural literacy	Preliminary
2000	Protecting our ground water supply	Preliminary
2000	Restoring profitability to the American farmer	Preliminary
2000	The future of the family farm	Preliminary
2000	Maintaining the safety of our food supply	Preliminary
2000	Keeping agriculture's voice heard in our Federal Government	Preliminary
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2002	New ways to influence an urban Congress	Preliminary
2002	The importance of farming for today's consumer	Preliminary
2002	Urban encroachment – opportunity or threat	Preliminary
2002	The importance of managing risk in agriculture	Preliminary
2002	The farmer's shrinking share of the food dollar	Preliminary
2002	Packer Ownership of livestock – help or hindrance	Preliminary
2002	Value-added processing and the rural economy	Preliminary
2002	Why farmers need transparency in the marketplace	Preliminary
2002	Checkoffs – positive or negative for farmers and ranchers	Preliminary
2002	The need for cost-benefit analysis in land-use regulations	Preliminary
2002	Why agriculture needs better water quality analysis	Preliminary
2002	The value of today's Extension Service on the farm	Preliminary
2002	The future of Global Positioning or cropping systems	Semi
2002	Is Agricultural Biotechnology an answer to world hunger?	Semi
2002	Farming: Good or Bad for the environment	Semi
2002	Leveling the Playing Field through global trade talks	Semi
2002	The role of e-commerce in agriculture	Semi
2002	Marketplace activism and its impact on farming	Semi
2002	Contract Production – good or bad for family agriculture	Semi
2002	The future of organic production	Semi
2002	How to attract the beginning farmer	Semi
2002	Why farmers must gauge public opinion	Semi
2002	Taking Agriculture to the urban classroom	Semi
2002	The “hayseed” myth -- exploit it or overcome it	Semi
2002	The role of public agricultural research in today's agribusiness world	Final
2002	Designer crops – sowing seeds for specific end uses	Final
2002	The Gulf hypoxia challenge – fact or fiction	Final
2002	The pluses and minuses of trading with Cuba	Final
2002	Bilateral vs. Multilateral trade agreements	Final
2002	The role of environmental incentives	Final

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2002	Are government payment limits necessary	Final
2002	The growing role of conservation in farm policy	Final
2002	How the farm/commodity organization fits today	Final
2002	The use of conservation easements and development rights	Final
2002	The importance of right-to-farm laws	Final
2002	How to fit in with urban neighbors	Final

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2003	The future of global positioning or cropping systems	Preliminary
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2003	WTO trade talks and liberalizing the global economy	Preliminary
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2003	Are U.S. subsidies hurting farmers in developing nations?	Semi
2003	Why agriculture needs better water quality analysis	Semi
2003	The need for cost-benefit analysis in land-use regulations	Semi
2003	How important is internet technology to rural America	Semi
2003	Designer crops – sowing seeds for specific end uses.	Finals
2003	Should Atrazine be retained as a tool for farmers?	Finals
2003	The renewable fuels platform – will it help presidential hopefuls?	Finals
2003	Country-of-origin labeling – good or bad	Finals
2003	The role of environmental incentives	Finals
2003	The implications of using food as a weapon	Finals
2003	The importance of managing risk in agriculture	Finals
2003	The future of organic production	Finals
2003	Check off programs: why are they under fire?	Finals
2003	How the consumer benefits from farm support programs	Finals
2003	The importance of right-to-farm laws.	Finals

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2003	The “hayseed” myth – exploit it or overcome it	Finals
2004	The value of prescription farming with GPS.	Preliminary A
2004	Feeding a hungry world through biotechnology.	Preliminary A
2004	The need for cost-benefit analysis in land-use regulations.	Preliminary A
2004	When should the United States allow Canadian cattle access?	Preliminary A
2004	Marketplace activism and its impact on farming.	Preliminary A
2004	Country-of-origin labeling – Good or bad?	Preliminary A
2004	Do farmers need government payments?	Preliminary A
2004	How the farm/commodity organization fits today.	Preliminary A
2004	The importance of managing risk in agriculture.	Preliminary A
2004	Why host a farm tour?	Preliminary A
2004	Why farmers must gauge public opinion?	Preliminary A
2004	The use of conservation easements and development rights	Preliminary A
2004	Why worry about countrywide biotech bans?	Preliminary B
2004	Why rural American needs broadband access?	Preliminary B
2004	Why use livestock cloning as a production tool?	Preliminary B
2004	Value-added processing and the rural economy.	Preliminary B
2004	Are U.S. subsidies hurting farmers in developing nations?	Preliminary B
2004	Checkoffs – Is it a free speech issue?	Preliminary B
2004	The supplier and marketer roles of today’s co-op.	Preliminary B
2004	Big vs little – How size affects farm profitability	Preliminary B
2004	The farmer’s shrinking share of the food dollar.	Preliminary B
2004	Can agriculture harness the rural lifestyle crowd?	Preliminary B
2004	How to fit in with urban neighbors.	Preliminary B
2004	Taking agriculture to the urban classroom	Preliminary B
2004	Designer Crops – Sowing seed for specific end uses.	Semifinals
2004	The terminator gene – Should it be allowed?	Semifinals
2004	Animal ID – Who should pay for it?	Semifinals
2004	Can organics be promoted without bashing the main stream?	Semifinals
2004	How to protect the United States from Agroterrorism.	Semifinals
2004	WTO trade talks and liberalizing the global economy.	Semifinals
2004	Payments to farmers vs. rural development spending.	Semifinals
2004	The growing role of green payments in farm policy.	Semifinals
2004	How the U. S. Tax structure affects the farmers.	Semifinals
2004	The growing market for organics.	Semifinals



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2004	Bang for the buck – Public investment in farm programs.	Semifinals
2004	Communicating with an urban congress.	Semifinals
2004	Farmaceuticals: Opportunity or dream?	Finals
2004	The renewable fuels platform – Will it help presidential hopefuls?	Finals
2004	Wind Farms – Opportunity or scam?	Finals
2004	The role of environmental incentives.	Finals
2004	Foreign job outsourcing – the case for agriculture as a domestic industry.	Finals
2004	Should the United States be a preferred commodity supplier for Iraq?	Finals
2004	The unseen cost of the death tax.	Finals
2004	Managing farm labor – The challenge of migrant workers.	Finals
2004	Do farm programs promote cheap food policy?	Finals
2004	Balancing farmland preservation with the right to sell land.	Finals
2004	The importance of right-to-farm laws.	Finals
2004	The opportunities of agritourism.	Finals

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2005	Global Positioning System (GPS) technology and crop production	Preliminary
2005	How agri-tourism can pay multiple dividends.	Preliminary
2005	Why farmers/ranchers and their organizations must gauge public opinion.	Preliminary
2005	What can be done to end the large number of misconceptions about agriculture that many urban people have?	Preliminary
2005	Managing risk in agriculture.	Preliminary
2005	What is unique about the US food and fiber system?	Preliminary
2005	The benefits of crop rotation.	Preliminary
2005	Organic versus conventional production	Preliminary
2005	The role of niche markets in agriculture's future.	Preliminary
2005	The impact the European Union's position on genetically modified crops has on US grain production	Preliminary
2005	The US space program – How it benefits agriculture.	Preliminary
2005	Does publicity about the advances in agricultural biotechnology help or harm US agriculture?	Preliminary
2005	What makes the US farmer/rancher so efficient and possible threats to this efficiency.	Preliminary
2005	Has organic food become mainstream.	Preliminary
2005	Biotechnology: What are the most attractive benefits for consumers?	Preliminary
2005	Three principals of American agriculture and how they would benefit agriculture in other countries.	Preliminary
2005	Ethanol production – is it energy efficient?	Preliminary
2005	The role of public agricultural research in today's agribusiness world.	Preliminary
2005	Site-specific chemical application technology and how it is used in crop production.	Preliminary
2005	What's to be gained by hosting a farm or ranch tour?	Preliminary
2005	Strategies farmers/ranchers can use to fit in with their urban/suburban neighbors.	Preliminary
2005	The impact of agriculture on the environment in urban areas.	Preliminary
2005	The farmer's shrinking share of the food dollar.	Preliminary
2005	The significance of corn hybridization.	Preliminary
2005	The place of livestock cloning technology in the livestock industry.	Semi
2005	The importance of right-to-farm laws in the suburban setting.	Semi
2005	Opportunities for citizen-supported farming: individuals buying shares in a farmer's yearly production before the crop is planted.	Semi
2005	City gardens: How to feed the mind as well as the body.	Semi
2005	Farm/commodity organizations and their relevance to today's agriculturist.	Semi
2005	Contract production: Good or bad for family agriculture?	Semi
2005	Water demand for non-agricultural uses and its effect on agricultural production in the United States.	Semi
2005	How do we protect the United States from agro-terrorism?	Semi
2005	The agri-chemical industry and its impact on agriculture over the last five years.	Semi
2005	Marketing US agricultural products to consumers in other countries.	Semi

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2005	The future of biofuels.	Semi
2005	Agri-pharmaceutical crop production in the US.	Semi
2005	The role of the inland waterway system in US agriculture.	Finals
2005	Marketplace activism: What is its impact on the agriculture?	Finals
2005	The World Trade Organization and the debate over agricultural free trade among nations of the world.	Finals
2005	What is the situation with the African continent being self-sufficient in food production and what are some specific example-country situations?	Finals
2005	The Green Revolution and its impact on agriculture around the world.	Finals
2005	BSE: What do we know and what do we not know about this relatively new disease?	Finals
2005	What should be agriculture's role in the debate about global warming?	Finals
2005	The "hayseed" myth: Exploit it or overcome it.	Finals
2005	Protecting farmland with the sale of conservation easements and development rights.	Finals
2005	The Supreme Court's ruling in Kelo vs The City of New Haven, Connecticut and the possible impact on agriculture near urban centers.	Finals
2005	Will the next farm bill be the last?	Finals
2005	The US tax structure and how it affects the US farmer/rancher.	Finals

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2006	Five new uses: what are the five most promising new uses in the research pipeline for agricultural commodities?	Preliminary
2006	What is the current situation with global positioning system (GPS) technology being used in crop production?	Preliminary
2006	What are the repercussions related to the WTO cotton case ruling against the United States?	Preliminary
2006	What is unique about the U.S. food and fiber system?	Preliminary
2006	What can be done about the farmer's shrinking share of the food dollar?	Preliminary
2006	What impact do farms have on the environment (water quality, air pollution, etc.) In urban areas?	Preliminary
2006	The U.S. space program: what are the benefits for agriculture?	Preliminary
2006	Are U.S. agricultural subsidies putting farmers in Africa and other developing regions out of business?	Preliminary
2006	Why must agriculture trading rules be based on science?	Preliminary
2006	What are some of the main benefits from crop rotation and provide some specific examples?	Preliminary
2006	What is the possible impact on agriculture near urban centers from the Supreme Court's ruling of Kelo v the city of New Haven, Conn.?	Preliminary
2006	City gardens: how to feed the mind as well as the body (can city gardens help educate urban citizens about the importance of agriculture?	Preliminary
2006	How can infrared thermometry be used to determine if a crop is under drought stress, and how is it currently being used?	Preliminary
2006	Does publicity about advances in agricultural biotechnology help or harm U.S. agriculture?	Preliminary
2006	What is the most significant advancement in agriscience over the past decade and why?	Preliminary
2006	What is the situation with the African continent being self-sufficient in food production, and what are some specific example-country situations?	Preliminary
2006	Foreign job outsourcing--the case for agriculture as a domestic industry.	Preliminary
2006	What would be the situation if the United States discontinued all commodity food aid around the world?	Preliminary
2006	What role does the inland waterways system play in the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture?	Preliminary
2006	Why should urban people care about u.s. farm program policy?	Preliminary
2006	How can agritourism pay multiple dividends?	Preliminary
2006	What role should the obesity issue play in farm policy?	Preliminary
2006	Do farmers need government payments? What makes them different from the hardware store owner who is not subsidized?	Preliminary
2006	How do farm/commodity organizations remain relevant to farmers today?	Preliminary
2006	The green revolution: what is it, and what impact did it have on the people of India?*	Semi
2006	What can be done to balancing farmland preservation with a farmer's right to sell his or her land?	Semi
2006	What are the opportunities for citizen-supported farming, where individuals buy shares in a farmer's yearly production before the crops are planted?	Semi
2006	What is the situation with production and demand of alternative meats such as rabbit, buffalo, ostrich, alligator, etc. Compared to more traditional livestock production?	Semi

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2006	Can organics be promoted without bashing conventional production?	Semi
2006	Can more be done to build relationships with Ag youth worldwide, recognizing their future relationships will be trading partners and competitors?	Semi
2006	Is livestock cloning a technology that is being advanced, and does it have a place in tomorrow's livestock business?	Semi
2006	What would be the best way to end the large number of misconceptions about agriculture that many urban people believe such as brown eggs are healthier for you than white eggs and pure sugar only comes from sugar cane, etc.?	Semi
2006	Corn hybridization: a history (how has corn hybridization affected farmers' yields and profits? What were the main milestones in corn hybridization, and why were they so significant?	Semi
2006	How is water demand for non-ag uses limiting agricultural production in the United States?	Semi
2006	What is the outlook for the European union or countries in the EU approving the import of new strains of biotechnology crops, and how will this impact u.s. grain production?	Semi
2006	How widespread is agri-pharmaceutical crop production in the United States and what is the outlook for growing crops for pharmaceutical compounds?	Semi
2006	The agriculture department's BSE surveillance program: is the scaled back level of testing sufficient?	Finals
2006	Persons with what college degree or area of study will be the most sought after to advance agriculture technology in the next ten years and why?	Finals
2006	Considering the challenges of farming and ranching today, why should young people consider a career in production agriculture?	Finals
2006	If you could select three principles of American agriculture to share with young people in other countries, what would you select and why?	Finals
2006	A strain of genetically enhanced rice is believed to help prevent "river blindness" but the African nation where this disease strikes hardest refuses entry of the u.s. produced rice, citing cultural taboos against mysterious food and general suspicion of motives behind u.s. aid. As a leader, what steps would you attempt to persuade the government to accept this humanitarian gift?	Finals
2006	Land availability: with growing population and demand for housing, will there be any room left for the farm in 20 years?	Finals
2006	Should farmers take greater interest in adapting historic farm buildings for modern uses?	Finals
2006	Should incentives be provided to veterinary students to encourage them to become large animal specialists?	Finals
2006	Should farmers and ranchers pay more attention to consumers who enjoy gourmet food products?	Finals
2006	What are the primary advantages of no-till or reduced-tillage cropping systems?	Finals
2006	How can farmers balance their role in protecting the food supply from terrorist strikes against regulations that have been (or are likely to be) imposed on them to improve security?	Finals
2006	Biodiesel-why use it, and where can you buy it?	Finals
2007	Should farmers do more to embrace green technology and other practices friendly to the environment? What would you suggest?	Preliminary

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2007	Are wheat and corn wild plants or were they developed by humans?	Preliminary
2007	Should poor farmers in lesser-developed countries be required to pay technology fees for biotech crop seeds?	Preliminary
2007	Are American farmers and ranchers the root cause of poverty among African farmers?	Preliminary
2007	On a global scale, is hunger caused by a shortage of food?	Preliminary
2007	Some people want international trade policies changed so that farmers in Africa and other poor areas of the world have more opportunities to better their lives, even if it means U.S. farmers have to give up some things. To what extent should U.S. agricultural leaders work to make this happen?	Preliminary
2007	Should farmers and ranchers be concerned about how American consumers perceive the treatment of hogs, laying hens and other farm animals?	Preliminary
2007	Can the world support more vegetarians than meat eaters?	Preliminary
2007	Does U.S. animal agriculture need to look beyond the current systems in place and begin raising livestock in more traditional settings like pastures? Why or why not?	Preliminary
2007	Does it really matter if people who live in cities and towns don't know much about farming and food production?	Preliminary
2007	Should farmers and ranchers do more to support high schools that focus on educating urban youngsters about agriculture and farming?	Preliminary
2007	What steps would you take to promote the use and maintenance of community gardens in neglected, urban neighborhoods?	Preliminary
2007	Should farmers do more to develop better relationships with environmentalists and other members of the activist community?	Preliminary
2007	GPS is a key technology used in precision agriculture. How does it work?	Preliminary
2007	Do homeowners or farmers use the greatest concentration of chemical pesticides per acre?	Preliminary
2007	Do most American farmers and ranchers know enough about the benefits of international trade?	Preliminary
2007	Should U.S. farmers and ranchers be concerned that U.S. agriculture will lose out to big business interests when it comes to negotiating the final round of a multilateral trade agreement?	Preliminary
2007	Should the Cuba trade embargo be lifted?	Preliminary
2007	Some people believe hogs, cattle, chickens and other animals feel pain, grief and sadness when they are mistreated or see another animal mistreated. Should these concerns be taken seriously?	Preliminary
2007	As an industry, is agriculture essential to U.S. homeland security? Why or why not?	Preliminary
2007	Does organic food production have less impact on the environment than traditional food production?	Preliminary
2007	What is the one thing Americans who live in cities and towns should know about farmers and ranchers?	Preliminary
2007	If a person your age who lives in a city or town had one day to spend in rural America, what would you show that person and why?	Preliminary
2007	What are some benefits of roof-top gardens?	Preliminary
2007	Expenditures averaged nearly \$113,000 per farm in 2006. Should companies that produce agricultural inputs such as seeds and pesticides do more to make products affordable to farmers?	Semi
2007	A perception exists that farmers and ranchers are not as kind to the environment as they should be because it is in their interest to make as much money as possible from the land. What can farmers do to change this perception?	Semi

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2007	Would you feel comfortable showing the inside of a building that houses hogs or chickens to a young person who lives in a city or town?	Semi
2007	Can urban agriculture play a role in reducing food insecurity in the United States?	Semi
2007	Does producing ethanol take more energy to produce than it yields?	Semi
2007	As farmland continues to be lost to development, will urban agriculture become more or less important?	Semi
2007	Should buyers and sellers of locally grown food be given tax breaks by the government?	Semi
2007	South Korea refused to accept beef from the U.S. for several years due to safety concerns. When other countries refuse to accept U.S. Agricultural products in the future, should American farmers and ranchers be prepared to walk away from international trade negotiations?	Semi
2007	Is the so-called slow food movement that promotes the use of locally raised, organic produce, meat and eggs here to stay or is it a passing fad?	Semi
2007	Are U.S. cotton policies contributing to the poverty of African farmers who raise cotton without the benefits of modern technology?	Semi
2007	Have international trade agreements failed to live up to the promise of delivering a “good deal” for U.S. farmers and ranchers?	Semi
2007	Should biotechnology be used to develop healthier snack foods, such as potatoes that do not absorb oil as they fry?	Semi
2007	The agricultural community has taken a somewhat skeptical view of the threats posed by global warming. Shouldn't farmers be among the individuals most concerned about global warming's potential to harm the earth? Why or why not?	Finals
2007	What policy changes should be implemented to enhance support of urban agriculture?	Finals
2007	What can be done to offset startup costs associated with agricultural enterprises in urban areas?	Finals
2007	Are produce, meat and eggs produced using organic methods worth the extra cost?	Finals
2007	Is it true that the only sustainable form of food production is organic?	Finals
2007	Is it true that human activity causes all soil erosion?	Finals
2007	Should something be done to help livestock producers facing rising corn prices, due to increased corn demand for ethanol production?	Finals
2007	What role, if any, do NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) play in today's global economy?	Finals
2007	What role, if any, should the agriculture department play in rebuilding agricultural systems in war-torn countries such as Iraq?	Finals
2007	What is trade promotion authority (TPA) and should it be extended to President Bush?	Finals
2007	“Golden rice” containing extra vitamin a, which reduces nutritional blindness, is in development. Should funds be made available to further develop this technology?	Finals
2007	Peanut butter, fresh spinach and chili sauce are among the food items recently pulled from grocery shelves due to safety concerns. Should American shoppers demand more from farmers and ranchers to ensure their food is safe?	Finals

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2008	How can agriculturists use science and technology to meet the food safety demands of today's consumers?	Preliminary
2008	What is the importance of basing agriculture regulations on science?	Preliminary
2008	Are genetically modified crops safe for human consumption? If so, how do you answer the concerns of opponents?	Preliminary
2008	Should special labeling be required for genetically modified foods?	Preliminary
2008	How has globalization affected American agriculture?	Preliminary
2008	What changes has there been in Agri-marketing lately and what do you think the future will bring?	Preliminary
2008	What is causing record-high food prices and how do these factors affect agriculture?	Preliminary
2008	What role should agriculture play in U.S. energy policy?	Preliminary
2008	Should animal manure products be regulated under superfund hazardous waste laws? Why or why not?	Preliminary
2008	With decreasing amounts of land available for food production, what do you see as the future for urban agriculture?	Preliminary
2008	If you had just a few minutes to talk with an urban consumer who has never come in contact with production agriculture, what would you say?	Preliminary
2008	Should laws limit residential and business construction on the nations most fertile soil?	Preliminary
2008	What three technologies will benefit agriculture the most in the next 25 years?	Preliminary
2008	How would you address critics of herbicide and pesticide use in agriculture?	Preliminary
2008	How has global positioning system (GPS) technology benefited American agriculture?	Preliminary
2008	Are there sufficient standards applied to food products labeled natural or organic?	Preliminary
2008	Is government-mandated country of origin labeling beneficial for American agriculture?	Preliminary
2008	What implications does open market trade have for the worlds poor and hungry?	Preliminary
2008	What can lawmakers and agriculturists do to ensure a stable, legal supply of agriculture workers?	Preliminary
2008	Should trucking regulations for agriculture be distinct from those for other commercial motor vehicles?	Preliminary
2008	What affect will the 2008 Presidential election have on agriculture?	Preliminary
2008	Does FFA make sense in big cities? What could students do for SAE projects?	Preliminary
2008	How can new media tools, including the Internet, connect the urban population to agriculture producers?	Preliminary
2008	How does the new farm bill affect urban consumers?	Preliminary
2008	How could sharing advanced agriculture technologies with other countries benefit those countries? Would the U.S. benefit as well?	Semi-Final
2008	How can technology improve conservation as it relates to agriculture?	Semi-Final
2008	If you could create one new technology to greatly improve the lives of American agriculturists what would it be and why?	Semi-Final
2008	Should agriculture support a free trade agreement with Colombia? Why or why not?	Semi-Final
2008	What sort of international agreements need to be reached in order to insure U.S. agriculture remains competitive?	Semi-Final
2008	Should WTO agriculture subsidy and tariff restrictions be less stringent for developing countries?	Semi-Final
2008	Should agriculture production continue to be subsidized by the government? Why or why not?	Semi-Final
2008	What implications would the passage of the treatment of farm animal act in California have on agriculture as a whole?	Semi-Final



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2008	Should limitations be put in place for speculation in agricultural commodities? If so what should they be?	Semi-Final
2008	How have high food prices affected the urban view of agriculture? Is this good and if not how do we change it?	Semi-Final
2008	How can urban and rural water demands be balanced?	Semi-Final
2008	Besides food production, what side benefits can arise from urban agriculture?	Semi-Final
2008	What role can biotechnology play in feeding the world? What are some current limitations?	Final
2008	Should the FDA allow the consumption of meat and dairy products from cloned animals and their offspring?	Final
2008	How has reproductive technology transformed animal agriculture? What do you see as potential future uses of livestock reproductive technology?	Final
2008	How do movements for green, locally produced, natural and organic foods mesh with conventional American agriculture? Are they just fads or here to stay?	Final
2008	When confronted with agricultural trade embargos not based on sound science, should the U.S. retaliate with its own trade restrictions not based on science?	Final
2008	Looking back on the past 15 years, how has NATFA affected agriculture?	Final
2008	What implications would global climate change legislation restricting green house gas emissions have on agriculture?	Final
2008	Give an example of a tax that disproportionately affects farmers and ranchers. How should it be changed?	Final
2008	What is the appropriate role of eminent domain? What kind of land takings would you consider inappropriate?	Final
2008	Should the government support small-scale urban agriculture at a different rate than conventional rural agriculture?	Final
2008	Would you feel comfortable showing the inside of a confined hog or chicken facility to people from the city?	Final
2008	How can you promote urban agriculture and local foods without casting a negative light on conventional rural agriculture?	Final

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