

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA**  
**2025**  
**CHAPTER EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS**  
**To be used in Chapter contest only in 2025**

1. How does inflation affect agriculture?
2. Food pantries have seen a significant increase in demand. How might agriculture support food pantries?
3. How are current “supply shortages” affecting agriculture?
4. How is the agriculture industry affected by the current trucking shortage?
5. Disease outbreaks often lead to stricter national border controls. In what ways does this affect agriculture?
6. California recently increased the minimum wage to \$15 per hour and redefined how overtime is determined for workers in agriculture. How was it redefined and how will this affect agriculture producers?
7. Should water rights and allocation agreements now held with city, state, federal government, and water districts be voided and re-written and enforced by the state?
8. Why should farmers care about trade and trade agreements?
9. In what ways could drones be used to advance agriculture?
10. Driverless tractors have been developed. In what ways will this technology benefit the agriculture industry, and, in other respects, negatively impact the industry?
11. Explain the differences between a “Family Farm,” a “Mega Farm” and a “Factory Farm.”
12. Should FFA members be required to be enrolled in an agriculture course each semester?
13. Is the FFA membership diverse?
14. Why a workable Visa program is needed for agriculture?
15. Define “Gene Editing” and why it is beneficial to agriculture.
16. Agriculture faces a myriad of regulations and compliance requirements, enforced by federal, state, and local government entities. How might this be simplified?
17. What should agriculture do to protect its workforce when facing a pandemic?
18. Should FFA members be limited to showing an animal at one fair a year?
19. Discuss the diversity of California agriculture and the benefits of having a diverse farming operation.
20. What should be done to prevent rural communities in California having to go without water?