

Kansas FFA

Discussion Meet Leadership Development Event

2018-2019 Topics

Annual topics will be developed in the following five areas to help give the competition structure and ensure that topics cover a range of relevant topics within agriculture. These five areas include Crop Production, Livestock Management, Natural Resources, Agricultural Education, and FFA. Below are topics for the 2018-2019 year of competition.

1. Over the past several years food deserts have become a growing problem across our nation in both urban and rural areas. How can individuals who care about feeding others, such as, but not limited to, established farmers and FFA members, work with communities to solve this issue?
2. U.S. agriculture faces a critical shortage of workers every year, especially in operations which require significant manual labor, like dairies, produce farms and meat processing facilities. How can FFA work with students, schools, ag employers and communities to address the need and obstacles for a sufficient workforce?
3. Agriculture is continually under fire because of both real and perceived issues with environmental impact, animal welfare and human health effects. Discuss existing methods and new production ideas and the impacts they have on the environment and human and animal health. What can an FFA member do now and in the future to be a good steward of resources and advocate for agriculture?
4. While there is a shortage of ag education instructors nationwide, including in Kansas, the role is incredibly valuable for both the development of students and success of the agricultural industry. How can FFA cultivate the skills and passion for educating youth about agriculture and leadership in members as they make decisions about college and their career?
5. FFA focuses on premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. As an FFA member, there are a variety of ways one can pursue these areas. How can FFA leaders, such as officers and advisers, empower members to take ownership of their personal development while they are a member and beyond?