Kansas FFA Discussion Meet Questions

FFA:

National FFA is dedicated to providing its members with the tools and experiences to be successful in an interconnected and diverse world. In 2023, the Spanish FFA Creed contest was implemented to bridge the gap between membership demographics and competitive opportunities. In what other ways can FFA continue to promote inclusion and diversity throughout chapters and communities?

- First Spanish Creed Contest
- Inclusion Article
- Give the Gift of Blue program

Agriculture Education:

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?

- NAAE #TeachAg
- Future Teacher Resources NAAE
- Michigan FFA Believes in the Future of Agricultural Education
- BEST Kansas FFA (ksffa.org)

Crops:

As the agriculture industry works to become more sustainable, precision agriculture is constantly being evolved and implemented on many operations. Drone technology in agriculture is a piece of precision ag that is being used more often. Given the startup costs, skills needed to operate equipment, etc., are these newer drone technologies worth the long-time investment for farmers and ranchers?

- <u>Drones in Ag Article</u>
- Costs

Natural Resources:

Non-conventional energy sources, also known as renewable energy, are becoming more

abundant in Kansas. With over 4,000 wind turbines in Kansas, and that number on the rise, some farmers welcome the additions while others feel strongly against it. In what ways is wind energy detrimental and/or beneficial to Kansas agriculture moving forward?

- U.S. Wind Turbine Database (usgs.gov)
- Wind Generation Benefits Farmers, Rural Communities and the Environment |
 Focus on Ag | American Farm Bureau Federation (fb.org)
- Wind Energy Technologies Office

Livestock:

The spread of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza has caused unexpected impacts on the dairy industry. What role does Animal Disease Traceability play in these unexpected health events?

- HPAI Recommendations
- Traceability (usda.gov)
- Animal Disease Traceability | Department of Agriculture (ks.gov)