



Missouri Teach Ag FFA Fall Public Speaking Contest



Sponsored by: Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association,
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Objective: To promote Ag Education, encourage students to consider a career in Ag Ed, recruit potential teachers, and emphasize the importance role ag teachers play in the lives of students, their community, and the industry of agriculture.

2023 Contest Guidelines:

Subject: Ag Educators: Building a Better Tomorrow. Agricultural educators are vital to agriculture. Every day, they make a positive difference in the lives of students and train the future of our ag industry. Speeches should address the important roles ag teachers play, show appreciation for their efforts, and encourage others to pursue a career in Ag Education. The speech must sufficiently address the subject. The title of the speech can be the same as the subject or students can choose their own related title.

- 1. Rules:** All speeches must fall within the guidelines for the Missouri FFA Advanced Public Speaking LDE, including time (6-8 minutes), questions (5 minutes), format, bibliography, etc. Each contestant's manuscript will be the result of his/her own efforts and speeches must sufficiently address the topic. Please refer to the most recent Missouri FFA CDE bulletin for speech guidelines, scoring breakdown, and scorecard. This contest is open to any FFA member in grades 9-12. Official dress is required.
- 2. Competition:** Contests will be held first at the area, then district level at the same time and place as the other fall public speaking contests. Area guidelines will dictate how many advance from the area to the district level. The 1st place winner at each of the 6 district levels will advance to the state contest. The state finals will tentatively be held at Margaritaville (Tan-Tar-A) during the Missouri Farm Bureau Convention, time and room to be announced.
- 3. Sources:** Students must have at least 3 different sources included in their bibliography. One of those sources must be a personal (by phone is encouraged) interview with a current or retired FFA Advisor other than their own. For the 6 state finalists, this personal interview will be verified by an emailed statement from the advisor interviewed. Other source suggestions: www.moteachag.org and www.naae.org/teachag
- 4. Awards:** Plaques will be awarded to each of the state finalists, with cash awards of:
 - 1st place- \$200
 - 2nd place-\$150
 - 3rd place- \$100
 - \$50 each to the other 3 competitors.

Good luck! For more information, please contact Pam Rowland, Missouri Teach Ag Coordinator, at pprowland@windstream.net.