A timekeeper will be designated, who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his speech, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions shall be made.

Three qualified and impartial individuals will be selected to judge the contest. At least one judge shall have an agricultural background.

***Prior to the contest, the judges will be furnished with typewritten copies of the contestant's manuscript. They will read and grade on content and composition, recording their judgement on the score sheet.***

Each judge shall formulate and ask questions pertaining directly to the speaker's subject. Questions with two or more parts should be avoided.

When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total their score and submit the score sheet to the program chairman for determination of final ratings of the contestants.

Contestants shall be ranked in numerical order on basis of final score, to be determined by each judge without consultation with each other. The judges' ranking of each contestant shall be added and the winner will be that contestant whose total score is the highest.

## SCORING

Scoring for the contest will be made according to the score card that is used in both the State and National FFA Public Speaking Contest. It is divided into two parts:

**PART I** - **300** points for content and composition
**PART II** - **700** points for delivery and response to questions

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## AWARDS

*Plaques will be awarded to each of the district winners at the annual meeting of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.*

*In addition, cash awards will be as follows:*

### AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL

**FIRST PLACE**
***$75 to the FFA Chapter***

**SECOND PLACE**
***$50 to the FFA Chapter***

### AT THE STATE LEVEL

**FIRST PLACE – $300**
***$150 to the First Place Winner***
***$150 to the FFA Chapter***

**SECOND PLACE – $250**
***$125 to the Second Place Winner***
***$125 to the FFA Chapter***

# 2015 PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

## 2014 DISTRICT WINNERS

(LEFT TO RIGHT)

Adam Kirby, Northwest District FFA
Alexa Nordwald, Southeast District FFA
Jessica Hylton, Southwest District FFA
Amber Carmichael, Central District FFA
Jacob Blank, South Central District FFA
Audrey Vitt, Northeast District FFA

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# 2015 PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

ANNOUNCEMENT & RULES

The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation FFA Public Speaking Contest is designed to highlight the opportunities in agriculture and the need for farmers to be organized. Its purpose is to develop rural and agricultural leadership through FFA participation in agricultural public speaking activities and to stimulate interest in community leadership and citizenship.

The final contest will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation at Tan-Tar-A Resort, in Osage Beach, MO, in December.

*The contestants will be the winners from each district.*

*The winners of the 2014 contest are shown above with Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst.*

***(Left to Right): Second Place – Adam Kirby, Trenton R-IX High School FFA***
***First Place – Audrey Vitt, Paris R-II High School FFA***

## GENERAL PLAN

Each local FFA Chapter will determine the local representative to the district contest. Missouri is divided into six FFA districts. Each of the districts will be eligible to send one district winner to the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation FFA Public Speaking Contest.

There will be no more than six contestants in the district contest. The district contest should be held in early November.

The Farm Bureau Regional Coordinators and District Supervisors of Vocational Agriculture will arrange for a time and place for the district contests and select the judges. The district contests must be held by November 19.

## ELIGIBILITY

The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation FFA Public Speaking Contest will be open only to FFA students who are enrolled in vocational agriculture courses during the current calendar year, or who are still in high school but have completed all the vocational agriculture courses offered. Any previous district winner who represented his district in the contest at the Missouri Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be ineligible to enter the contest again.

A contestant shall be required to wear the official FFA jacket when competing in the state contest.

## SUBJECT

With new technologies changing the face of agriculture, there are many opportunities for young people to become and stay involved in agriculture.

This contest is also designed to get a better understanding of Farm Bureau, the nation's largest farm organization.

Speech title is:

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***"Agricultural Opportunities Abound…***
***How Can Farm Bureau Assist and Meet the Challenges?"***

## TIME LIMIT

Each speech shall be no less than six minutes and no more than eight minutes in length. Deductions of one point per second will be made from the score of each contestant for speeches under six minutes or over eight minutes.

*Each contestant will be allowed five minutes additional time in which he or she will be asked questions relating to their speech.*

## SPEECH PREPARATION

Each contestant's manuscript will be the result of their own efforts. Additional facts and data on Farm Bureau may be obtained by contacting the local county Farm Bureau office or county Farm Bureau officers.

The speech should be prepared on double spaced typewritten pages of white bond paper, 8.5 x 11 inches.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

A complete and accurate bibliography must be included. All contestants in the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation FFA Public Speaking Contest should give credit to others where any direct quotes or phrases are used in the manuscript.

## METHOD OF SELECTING THE WINNER

The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Department will be in charge of this contest.

Contestants will draw for the order of delivering their speeches. The program chairman shall introduce each contestant by name.

A contestant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the speech. Applause shall be withheld until contestants have finished speaking.

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