

DATE: August 28, 2017
TO: Missouri Vo-Ag Instructors
FROM: Diane Slater
Director of Communications
Missouri Pork Association
RE: 2018 FFA Pork Speaking Contest

Enclosed is information about the 2018 FFA Pork Speaking Contest. **This year's theme is *Strategies for Growing the Missouri Pork Industry.***

The FFA Pork Speaking Contest finals will once again be held in Columbia during the Missouri Pork Expo on February 6, 2018. Alltech sponsors the event, ensuring that all six district-winning speakers will receive a cash award at the Expo. This year's first place winner will receive \$200, second place will be awarded \$150, and third place will be given \$100. The remaining three participants will each receive \$50.

I know that many of you are anxious to get started on this project. I have enclosed a copy of the contest rules for your review. Students are encouraged to visit the following websites for more information:

Missouri Farmers Care	www.MoFarmersCare.com
Protect the Harvest	www.ProtectTheHarvest.com
Missouri Pork Association	www.mopork.com
National Pork Board	www.pork.org
National Pork Producers Council	www.nppc.org
Missouri Ag Statistics Service	http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Missouri/index.asp
University of Missouri Commercial Ag Program	http://agebb.missouri.edu/commag/swine/
U.S. Pork Center of Excellence	http://www.usporkcenter.org
U.S. Meat Export Federation	www.usmef.org
Environmental Protection Agency	http://www.epa.gov/
Missouri Department of Natural Resources	http://www.dnr.mo.gov

If you have any questions, or would like more information about the 2018 FFA Pork Speaking Contest, please contact me at (573) 445-8375, or e-mail diane@mopork.com.



2018 FFA Pork Speaking Contest

Contest Rules

1. The general rules and regulations of the National FFA Public Speaking Contests will govern the district and state contests.
2. As soon as the district winner is selected, the local advisor must send the following material to: Diane Slater, MPA, 6235 W. Cunningham Drive, Columbia, MO 65202.
 - a. Four (4) double-spaced type-written copies of the speech on 8.5" x 11" white paper.
 - b. A signed statement that the contestant's speech is the result of their own work.
 - c. Bibliography must be included.
3. The contest will include a 6-8 minute presentation with a 5 minute question session. Questions about the national and state organizations and current pork industry issues will be included along with questions about the speech.

Cash Awards

First Place	\$200
Second Place	\$150
Third Place	\$100
Other participants	\$50

2018 State FFA Pork Speaking Contest Finals

February 6, 2018
Missouri Pork Expo
Holiday Inn Executive Center
Columbia, Missouri

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