Utah FFA State Officer Candidate Practice

2018-2019

**Practice #1**

**Stand and Deliver**

You have been asked to speak to the Utah House of Representatives about the importance of agricultural education in secondary schools. This legislative body is currently developing a state budget that will have huge impacts on education throughout the state and CTE programs are something that have drawn a lot of speculation from various members of this body. You will have five minutes to outline why agricultural education is relevant to secondary students. You have also been asked to give a short update as to how agricultural education programs are staying viable and relevant in the 21st Century secondary education programs.

Great resource: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_Subject/Demographics/index.php>

**Questions to Ask Yourself**

1. What are agriculture education programs doing to stay relevant in the 21st Century

2. Why should urban schools offer agricultural education programs?

3. How are agricultural education programs preparing students for a career within the

agriculture industry

**Knowledge Question Tie-In**

***FFA***

1. What year was Public Law 81-750 passed and what was the purpose of this legislation?

<https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/Intro_to_FFA_Charter.pdf>

***Agriculture:***

1. How many farms are located in the United States?

<https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_Subject/Demographics/index.php>

***Education/Agricultural Education***

1. Who is the President of the AAAE and where are they from?

<http://aaaeonline.org/Leadership-Team>

**Practice #2**

**Stand and Deliver**

You have been invited to speak to a group of agricultural science teachers in Utah about STEM and its relevance to agricultural education. They want to know why they should consider STEM and what advantages it would provide for students enrolled in agricultural education. These teachers represent a broad spectrum of school sized and locations (urban, suburban, and rural) and they have a wide diversity of students in their programs.

Useful Site: <http://www.ed.gov/stem>

**Questions to Ask Yourself**

Write a short essay (less than 700 words) over STEM and the affect it will have on agricultural education. What is STEM? What are advantages and disadvantages of STEM and how will these affect students taking agricultural education?

**Knowledge Questions**

***FFA***

1. How does the National FFA Crisis Relief work?

<https://www.ffa.org/crisisrelief>

***Agriculture:***

1. What is the average size of an American farm?

<http://www.agriculture.com/news/business/farms-in-us-drops-size-grows>

***Education/Agricultural Education***

1. What does the USDE actually do?

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/what_pg2.html>