

**Farm City Week Livestock Show
Voice of Agriculture Speech Contest**

First United Methodist Church
300 E. Houston St., Marshall (Lafayette Entrance)

Sponsored by
Harrison County Agri-Business Association, Inc.
&
Downs Funeral Home

Purpose:

The Harrison County Agri-Business Speech Contest is designed to instill in its participants and audience a better understanding of importance of agriculture in the community.

Requirements for Participation:

1. Students must be a member in good standing of a Harrison County FFA Chapter or 4-H Club, but need not be entered in the Farm City Week Livestock Show.
2. Age divisions: Junior 3rd-8th grade, Senior 9th – 12th grade.
3. Speech topics should be on a subject relating to agriculture and should be from three to seven minutes long. Props and visual aids are not permitted and recordings of any type may not be used. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentations. Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery. Presentations should not be read.
4. First place winners in each division will present their speeches at the noon luncheon of the Marshall Lions Club on Tuesday following the contest at the Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative, 410 East Houston Street in Marshall.
5. Prizes:
Junior Division: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$30 for third place
Senior Division: \$500 Luke Woodley Memorial Scholarship for first place, \$50 for second place and \$30 for third place. (NOTE: The contestant, including prize funds & scholarship are funded by Down's Funeral Home of Marshall, TX)

Please complete this entry form and return it (**Postmarked**) no later than the ***First Monday in March*** to:

**Harrison County Agri-Business
PO Box 1717
Marshall, TX 75671**

DO NOT DROP OFF AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

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Voice of Agriculture Speech Contest – ENTRY FORM

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

_____ **FFA Chapter or 4-H Group**

_____ **Email address (If you want confirmation we received this form)**

Speech Topic: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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Date: _____

Name: _____

FFA Chapter or 4-H Club: _____

Maximum time 7 minutes Elapsed Time: _____

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Comments
Composition and Organization					
Introduction					
a. Attention of audience gained	1	2	3	4	
b. Importance of subject established	1	2	3	4	
c. Purpose clearly stated	1	2	3	4	
Body					
a. One central theme	1	2	3	4	
b. Information accurate (source of Information given)	1	2	3	4	
c. Information current	1	2	3	4	
d. Logical sequence	1	2	3	4	
Summary – Major points emphasized	1	2	3	4	
 Delivery					
Appearance					
a. Grooming & Dress	1	2	3	4	
b. Poise & Posture	1	2	3	4	
Voice clear & understood	1	2	3	4	
Correct use of grammar	1	2	3	4	
Eye contact with audience	1	2	3	4	
Appropriate use of gestures & body language	1	2	3	4	
Uniqueness of presentation	1	2	3	4	
Audience appeal	1	2	3	4	
Educational value	1	2	3	4	
Questions					
a. Accuracy of answers	1	2	3	4	
b. Poise & self-confidence	1	2	3	4	

Score _____

Total Score _____ (Maximum possible total score = 76)

Overtime penalty - _____ (Subtract 2 points per ½ minute)

FINAL SCORE _____