

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

**Texas A&M Extension Office  
2005 Warren Drive, Marshall, TX**

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 the 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Senior 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Prizes:***

*Junior Division:* \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$75 for third place

*Senior Division:* \$500 Luke Woodley Memorial Scholarship for first place, \$100 for second place and \$75 for third place. (NOTE: The contest, including prize funds & scholarship are funded by Down's Funeral Home of Marshall, TX)

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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**      \_\_\_\_\_