

**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 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.
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. Pay \$10 entry fee

***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 contest, including prize funds & scholarship are funded by Down's Funeral Home of Marshall, TX)

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Complete this entry form and **MAIL (Postmarked)** with \$10 entry fee  
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
<b>Composition and Organization</b>					
<b>Introduction</b>					
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	
<b>Body</b>					
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	
<b>Summary</b> – Major points emphasized	1	2	3	4	
 <b>Delivery</b>					
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**      \_\_\_\_\_