

* Study Questions for Creed Speakers from Willcox, Arizona *

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Creed Questions

Define a progressive agriculturalist

Explain why E.M. Tiffany involved charity in agriculture

What are traditions of our national life in the 21st century

Elaborate on achievements from past agriculturists

How are you as a progressive agriculturalists going to serve our own

Describe the challenges of agricultural pursuits

Why do you believe American agriculture will hold true to the best traditions of our national life

Major achievement of present and past generations of agriculturalists

Explain why you think less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining means

What do you think is meant by more power in bargaining and less in begging

What do you feel the future of agriculture will hold

What does the future of agriculture look like

What does the Creed mean to you

What is the future of agriculture

What struggles from former years has helped us today

How can you exert an influence in your home and community

How do you describe a progressive agriculturist

How do you describe the creed to a non-FFA member

What have you done to truly believe in the future of agriculture

What is the product of our toil

How can you be a leader in agriculture

How can we gain respect through leadership

If you could revise the creed what would you change

What role does FFA play in the future of agriculture

Which achievements won by past agriculturalists are you most proud of

Is the Creed relevant today

✘ What are some ways in which you live the creed

Give an example of faith born not of words but of deeds from your life

What are some challenges facing agriculture today

What makes a good farm

Plus the questions from the national ffa

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2004 National FFA Convention

Creed Questions Prelims

1. Explain what you would do to ensure “less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining,” and why you think this phrase is important.
2. What are some of the obstacles you have to overcome to be a better agriculturist?
3. What can the agriculture industry do to better serve the public?

Creed Question Semis

1. How can FFA remain true to its focus of the agriculture industry?
2. Identify two struggles of former years and explain how we conquered them?
3. Agriculture changes. Explain the necessity of changing the FFA creed?

Creed Question Finals

1. What are two obstacles that you have had to overcome to ensure the success of the agriculture industry?
2. What are some of the traditions you believe Americans should maintain?
3. If the Creed were revised, where would you change it and why?

2005 New Jersey FFA Creed Speaking Event

Preliminary**Judges Questions**

1. What are some achievements of past generations of agriculturalists?
2. What does it mean to play square with those whose happiness depends upon you?
3. In addition to farming, what are some other agricultural pursuits?

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Creed Speaking***Discussion Questions***

1. What is the future of agriculture in this country?
2. How will world situations influence agriculture in the United States? ●
3. What can you do to support agriculture in the United States?
4. What landmark events tell us of the accomplishments of past generations?
5. In your opinion, what is the most challenging issue facing agriculture today? ●
6. What are the characteristics of a good leader?

7. What leadership skills do you currently possess?
8. What can you do to improve your public speaking skills?
9. How has agriculture affected national life in the United States? Consider past and present issues.
10. What are your goals and how do you plan to serve agriculture in the years ahead?

Submitted by James Bonta

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District VII , Leadership CDE, Possible Creed Questions

1. What is your favorite line or phrase in the FFA Creed? Why?
2. What is the future of Agriculture?
3. How do we achieve better days through better ways?
4. What were some of the struggles of former years?
5. How can living and working on a good farm or being engaged in other agricultural pursuits be pleasant, as well as, challenging?
6. What are the joys and discomforts of an agricultural life?

7. How can we in agriculture provide leadership from ourselves?
8. What knowledge and skill can you secure?
9. What is the product of our toil?
10. How do progressive agriculturists serve our own and the public interest?
11. What is more power in bargaining?
12. What is the life abundant?
13. What does the phrase less need for charity and more of it when needed mean to you?
14. What is honest wealth?
15. What is playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me?
16. What are the best traditions of our national life?
17. How can you exert an influence in your home and community?
18. How do the words of the creed apply to today's agriculture industry?

19. How do the words of the creed apply to your life?

20. How has learning the creed changed your life?

21. What would you tell other people about the FFA and the words of the FFA creed?

22. What better things that we now enjoy come to us from the struggle of former years?

23. How will American agriculture affect the future of the country?

24. How will American agriculture affect the future of the planet?

25. How do the words of the creed apply in today's global economy?

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FFA Creed Questions- submitted by

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Agricultural Education Department

Paragraph 1

1. What do you see as the future of agriculture?
2. Is there a future in agriculture for women? Why?
3. What is your future in agriculture?
4. What have been some of the achievements won by present and past generations of agriculturists?
5. What are some of the better things we now enjoy because of the struggles of agriculturists in former years?

Paragraph 2

1. Describe what a good farm looks like.
2. What are some examples of "other" agricultural pursuits?
3. What is an example of a joy and a discomfort you have experienced in your life? How did you deal with the discomfort?
4. What do you find pleasant and challenging about agricultural life?

Paragraph 3

1. How are you developing your leadership abilities through FFA?
2. What are your plans for the future to obtain the knowledge and skills you will need to be successful?
3. Describe a progressive agriculturalist.
4. How could the American farmer improve the way we produce and market the product of our toil?

Paragraph 4

1. What is meant by "less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining"?
2. What is the "life abundant"?
3. How can your FFA chapter contribute to "less need for charity and more of it when needed"?
4. Whose happiness depends on you and how do you play square with them?

Paragraph 5

1. What are some of the best traditions of our national life that come from agriculture?
2. How are you exerting a positive influence in your home and community?
3. How is your FFA chapter exerting a positive influence in your home and community?
4. What are your future plans?

Here are some questions I got while student teaching with Dee Pereshick in Rosalia Washington.-
Daniel Miller, Columbus MT

Understanding the FFA Creed

In order to best present a speech it is important that it be understood. The FFA Creed holds values that are part of our national heritage and tradition therefore it is doubly important to understand them.

Answer the following questions about the creed (2 pts each)

2. What is challenging about living and working on a good farm?"
3. What do you believe constitutes a good farm?"
4. What are some of the "joys of agricultural life?"
5. What are some of the "discomforts of agricultural life?"
6. What is meant by the statement "and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny?"
7. What are some of the discouragements that often are associated with agricultural life?

PARAGRAPH III OF THE FFA CREED

1. Why is leadership so important?
2. What can you do as a freshman in agricultural education to develop leadership ability?
3. What can you do to merit "respect from others?"
4. What can you do to make your work more efficient?
5. What can you do to develop the ability to think clearly?
6. What is meant by "progressive agriculturists?"
7. What practices and policies are there that you think are unfair?
8. How can progressive agriculturists serve themselves and the public interest in marketing the products of their toil?

PARAGRAPH IV OF THE FFA CREED

1. What is meant by the "power in bargaining?"
2. What is the difference between begging and bargaining?
3. What is meant by "the life abundant?"
4. What is meant by "honest wealth?"
5. What are some examples of wealth that are not honest?
6. What can you do to help others have an abundant life, and the honest wealth to help make it so?
7. Could one have an abundant life without wealth?
8. What is meant by "less need for charity and more of it when needed?"
9. Why is it important for each of us to be happy?
10. Why is it important to play square with those whose happiness depends upon us?

11. Whose happiness depends upon you?

PARAGRAPH V OF THE FFA CREED

1. What is meant by "rural America?"

2. What are some of the "best traditions in our national life" to which rural America will hold true?

3. What can you do, as a freshman in Agricultural Education, to exert an influence in your home and in your community, which will stand solid for your part in that inspiring task?

GENERAL

1. Who wrote the FFA Creed?

2. When was it adopted officially by the FFA?

Creed Questions East Butler High School FFA

Brainard, Nebraska; D. J. Mottl, Advisor

Why do you believe in the future of agriculture?

What are some of the achievement won by past generations of agriculturalists that have resulted in better days for us today?

What are some of the better ways that have brought us better days?

Why do you believe that an agricultural pursuit is pleasant?

What would you say is that main discomfort a person in agriculture or agribusiness might face today?

What are some of the joys and discomforts of agricultural life?

What do you consider to be a good farm?

What agricultural pursuits have you or do you intend to pursue?

Agriculture has faced many hardships and discomforts in the past. Why do you think people are still active in agriculture with all of these so called "discomforts"?

Who do you consider to be a progressive agriculturalist?

How do you plan to increase your ability to work efficiently and think clearly?

What do you mean by "less need for charity"?

What is meant by the words "honest wealth"?

Why should we as people in agriculture be concerned with the public interest in producing our product?

You stated, "I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining". How would you explain the difference between begging and bargaining?

You mentioned that you "hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny". What are some of those associations that you are talking about?

You talked about "I believe in leadership from ourselves...". What types of things can you do or have you done to exert leadership for the betterment of FFA and agriculture?

What do you think rural America can do to help solve our community and national problems?

In what way will you try to exert an influence in your home and community?

What do you consider to be the inspiring task of the American farmer?

How do you feel the people in agriculture can safeguard their rights against practices and policies that are unfair?

Why does the FFA have a Creed?

What do you see as some past achievements in agriculture that we have built upon and improved for today?

In your opinion, what are some of the greatest challenges facing agriculture today?

How can we involved in agriculture promote our industry?

Do you feel that there will be a place for young people to become involved in agriculture? And, if so – why and where?

What can we as FFA members do to improve agriculture's image?

What are some of the things that have helped the American farmer in becoming the most efficient food producer in the world?

How do you feel your involvement in Agriculture Education and FFA is preparing you for a future in agriculture?

If agriculture is to continue being so strong, what types of changes will young people like yourself have to adapt

Creed Questions:

Par 1

1. What is the future of agriculture?
2. Why do you believe in the future of agriculture?
3. How is faith born not of words but of deeds?
4. How can you exhibit faith born not of words but of deeds?
5. Describe the achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists.
6. Why do you believe in the achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists?
7. What is an agriculturist?
8. What is the promise of better days?
9. How can you achieve better days through better ways?
10. Why do you believe in the promise of better days through better ways?
11. What are some better things we now enjoy?
12. How have some of the better things we now enjoy come to us from the struggles of former years?
13. Describe some of the struggles of former years.

Par 2

14. Why is it pleasant and challenging to live and work on a good farm?
15. What are some of the pleasures and challenges of living and working on a good farm?
16. What is "other agricultural pursuit"?
17. Describe some joys and discomforts of agricultural life.
18. Why do you hold an inborn fondness for the joys and discomforts of agricultural life?
19. Describe the hours of discouragement that a person involved in agriculture might experience.

Par 3

20. Why do you believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others?
21. How can you show (develop) leadership in yourself?
22. How can you earn respect from others?
23. How can you develop the ability to work efficiently and think clearly?

24. Why is it important to work efficiently and think clearly?
25. How can young people secure knowledge and skill?
26. Describe a progressive agriculturist.
27. How can a progressive agriculturist serve our own and the public interest at the same time?
28. How does it serve the public interest to produce and market the product of our toil?
29. What is the product of our (an agriculturist's) toil?

Par 4

30. Why do you believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining?
31. Why would you reduce dependence on begging and encourage more power in bargaining?
32. What is life abundant?
33. What is honest wealth?
34. How can you increase the abundance of life?
35. How does one produce honest wealth?
36. How can you make life abundant for others as well as yourself?
37. Why should there be less charity and more of it when needed?
38. When is charity really needed?
39. How can you become a happy person?
40. Why is it important for you to become a happy person?
41. Why is it important to play square with those around you?
42. How can you play square with those who depend on you?
43. Describe those persons whose happiness depends upon you.

Par 5

44. Why do you believe rural America will hold true to the best traditions of our national life?
45. What are the best traditions of our national life?
46. How can you exert an influence in your home and community which will uphold the best traditions

of

our national life?

General

47. When was the FFA creed written?

48. When was the FFA creed revised?

49. Who wrote the FFA creed?

Other

Why do you believe there is a future in Agriculture?

Why do you believe that rural America will hold true to the best traditions of our national life?

Please explain the phrase, "Less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining."

The 3rd verse of the FFA Creed states in part, "and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest." How would you describe a progressive agriculturist?

What is the inspiring task referred to in paragraph 5 of the FFA Creed?

When the Creed was originally written, the term agriculture was fairly easy to define. How has the definition of agriculture changed since the Creed was written?

If you were asked to appear on the Oprah Winfrey Show and tell her what the FFA is, what would you use from the creed?

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Using your own thoughts, answer / explain the following questions in regards to the FFA Creed.

Paragraph 1

What do you see as the future of agriculture?

What does "having a faith born not of words but of deeds," mean?

List two achievements of past generations and two achievements of present generations of agriculturalists.

What are at least two struggles of former years? (think about U.S.A. history)

Paragraph 2

Why is living and working on a good farm or being engaged in other agricultural pursuits pleasant as well as challenging?

What are some joys and discomforts you have experienced in your own agricultural life?

What does it mean to you to hold an inborn fondness even in hours of discouragement?

Paragraph 3

In your eyes what "leadership from us and respect from others" look like?

How are you going to work efficiently and think clearly?

How do progressive agriculturalists serve our own by producing and marketing the product of our toil?

Paragraph 4

Why is it more important to bargain than to beg?

In your own words how are you going to have enough honest wealth to have the life abundant for other as well as yourself?

What does having “less need for charity and more of it when needed” mean?

How are you going to be happy yourself?

Paragraph 5

What are the best traditions of our national agricultural life?

How are you going to exert and influence in each of the following areas: Home & Community?

What is “that inspiring task?”

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Creed Questions- Kathy Mayfield

What are some of the achievements of both present and past generations of agriculturists?

✕ What are some of the “joys and discomforts” of agricultural life?

What is meant by “leadership from ourselves and respect from others”?

With production agriculture making up less than 1% of the population, what future is there in agriculture?

What are some of the best traditions of our national life?

What are some challenges that today’s farmer faces?

How can you as an FFA member see that there is less need for charity and more of it when needed?

The Creed was written a long time ago. Does it still apply to agriculture and FFA? How?

What are examples of “something better we now enjoy because of the struggle of former years?”

How can you secure knowledge and wisdom in the FFA?

Possible Creed Speaking Questions: Heidi Martin

What are the joys and discomforts of agricultural life?

How has the FFA Creed helped you ?

What is the life abundant and will we continue to experience it?

Can American Agricultural still support the best traditions of our National life?

Tell me about the present and past agriculturalists that are shaping our future?

Explain how you can support your fellow members in playing square with others and being honest in yourself?

Compare and Contrast EM Tiffany's perspective on agriculture (1930 's) and the future of the FFA with your own perspective as a member in ²⁰⁰⁶?

What does it mean to have less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining?

With recent tragedies in the US and abroad, what can an FFA member do to reinforce the belief in less need for charity and more of it when needed?

Choose the part of the creed that you believe in the most and tell me about it.

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3. Why should faith in something be “born of deeds, and not words”?
4. What achievements were won by present generations of agriculturists?
5. What achievements were won by past generations of agriculturists?
6. What is meant by “in the promise of better days through better ways”?
7. “The better things we now enjoy, have come to us from the struggles of former years,” What were some of the struggles from former years?
8. What are some of the challenges of “living and working on a good farm, or other agricultural pursuits..”?
9. What is pleasant about “living and working on a good farm, or other agricultural pursuits..”?
10. Why is it that many people “even in hours of discouragement, ... cannot deny the inborn fondness ... for an agricultural life?
11. Why should we believe in leadership from ourselves?
12. How do you feel agriculturists should go about getting respect from people in the non-agricultural sector?

13. "I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly with such knowledge and skill as I can secure." What do you feel are the best ways to secure this knowledge and skill?
14. How do you feel the progressive agriculturist serves their own and the public's interest in *producing* the product of their toil?
15. How do you feel the progressive agriculturist serves their own and the public's interest in *marketing* the product of their toil?
16. Why should you believe in less dependence on begging?
17. What is good about "more power in bargaining"?
18. Do you believe there is enough honest wealth to make the life abundant for everyone? Why or why not?
19. "in less need for charity and more of it when needed." How would you propose we as a nation have less need for charity?
20. "in less need for charity and more of it when needed." How would you propose we as a nation have more of it when needed?
21. What do you feel are the best traditions of our national life?
22. How do you exert an influence in your home and community?
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Brad doesn't know where these came from so he doesn't want to take credit for "creating" them.- Brad Sirianni, Agriscience Teacher & FFA Advisor

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Creed Question Examples:

Who wrote the creed?

What year was the creed written?

What paragraph means the most to you and why?

What does the _____ mean?

What does the EM in EM Tiffany stand for?

That's all the ones I've used when I've judged the contest.

Shelley Armour
Lansdowne FFA Advisor
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Creed Questions

1. In the second paragraph what do you think "to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits" refer to?
2. You say you believe in respect from others, respect has to be earned, how do you as a new member earn that respect?
3. What part of the FFA creed would you revise and why?
4. What are the best traditions of our national life?
5. What are the public interests that progressive agriculturists are to serve?

There is a list of others I have thought of I will send you at a later time I am out of time this am.

Evan Williams

FFA Creed

How have you exerted an influence in your home and community?

Why would the FFA want to adopt a creed?

Lee Smith
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Which convention was the FFA Creed adopted at?

In your experiences, what is pleasant and what is challenging about agricultural pursuits?

If you were to change the creed, how would you improve it for today's times?

Which parts of the Creed do you disagree with and why?

Why is the Creed important to the FFA?

Why do you believe in the future of agriculture.

Who wrote the FFA Creed?

When was the FFA Creed revised?

Why did you decide to participate in the Creed contest?

What is your favorite part of the Creed and why?

Explain the importance of words over deeds.

Give examples of what "better days" might mean.

Explain three joys of agricultural life.

How are you a "part in that inspiring task"?

Give me four discomforts of agricultural life.

Explain the statement "less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining".

Explain the statement "in less need for charity and more of it when needed"?

How do you interpret "joys and discomforts of agricultural life"?

What do you think is meant by, "with a faith born not of words, but of deeds"?

How is leadership illustrated in agriculture?

Describe what a "good farm" is.

How can you "play square with those whose happiness depends on me"?

Discuss a time when you demonstrated playing square with others.

Give an example of a "progressive agriculturalist" in your state.

How will you develop your own ability to work efficiently and think clearly?

What do you believe is missing from the FFA Creed?

What is a Creed?

Discuss a time when you demonstrated playing square with others.

Do you think that the creed should be revised? Why or why not?

What is your influence in your home and community?

Can you name some associations you cannot deny?

What is toil?

What are some traditions of our national life?

What are some of the important "achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists"?

What can you do to make your work more efficient?

What is meant by the "power in bargaining"?

Whose happiness depends upon you?

How would/could/should the principles of the FFA Creed influence your community and leadership actions?

Sandy (Piechowski) Cordes

**Agricultural Instructor/FFA Advisor
Manawa Little Wolf High School**

Do you believe that it is still important for freshman to recite the creed or is this an outdated tradition?

What has been the biggest lesson that you have learned since you began giving the FFA creed?

What revisions would you suggest national FFA consider for the creed?

Define agricultural pursuits.

What have you done recently as an FFA member that demonstrates that you truly do "believe in the future of agriculture?"

**Jason M. Larison, Named One of the Top 40 Educators in America by Disney for 2004
Holton Ag Ed Department**

1. At what National Convention was the FFA Creed adopted?
2. Who wrote the FFA Creed?
3. In what year was the FFA Creed revised?
4. Why did you decide to participate in the Creed Speaking contest?
5. Why is the Creed important to the FFA?
6. What is your favorite part of the Creed and why?
7. If you rewrote the Creed, what would you change?
8. Explain the importance of words over deeds.

Traci Warnick , Delta FFA Advisor

Here are some questions you may want to use:

- 1- What does the creed mean to you?
- 2- In your opinion what is "a good farm"?
- 3- Why has the wording of the creed been changed from its original idea?
- 5- What are some achievements of the past generations of agriculturists?
- 6- Who was EM Tiffany?
- 7- What has been revised in the creed and why?
- 8- In your opinion, why is the creed so important in our organization?

**Terry Yokeley, Otterville FFA
Otterville, Missouri**

In the second paragraph you said that I believe that to live and work on a good farm. Can you give a good example of a good farm and why is it important to the future of agriculture?

Please send me a copy of all of the questions that you get and a copy of the web site address.

Thank You for your time of putting this together.

**Les Linegar
Ontario High School
Ontario Oregon**

Do you believe in the future of agriculture?

How can you exert an influence in your home and community?

What is a "progressive agriculturalist"?

What are some of the traditions of our national life?

What resources are available to provide assistance to both producers and consumers?

How are present day agriculturalists coping with a diminishing land base and a greater population?

Where can a producer go to secure additional knowledge and skill?

Cheryl Lowe

What are the best traditions of our national life?

How do you display leadership for yourself and respect for others?

In today's economy, why do you believe in less need for charity and more of it when needed?

Describe some of your joys and discomforts of agricultural life.

What "associations" do you hold an inform fondness for?

Liz Treptow

Here is my list of questions:

1. Do you think the creed is outdated? Why or why not?
2. If you could change any part of the creed, what would it be?
3. Why do you think it is important for every new member to learn the creed?
4. What does the phrase "with a faith born not of words, but of deeds" mean to you?
5. What have been some of the most important achievements won by past generations of agriculturists?

6. What struggles has agriculture seen in the past?
7. How have you experienced the joys and discomforts of agricultural life?
8. Why is leadership from ourselves and respect from others so important?
9. What is the product of our toil?
10. When is charity needed?
11. Why is less dependence in begging and more power in bargaining so important?
12. What are the best traditions of our national life?
13. How will you exert an influence in your home and community?
14. What will be your part in that inspiring task?

Thank you.

Pam Proffitt-Rowland

Couch MO FFA

2005 District Creed CDE Questions

Describe some of the struggles of former years.

Describe the hours of discouragement that a person involved in agriculture might experience.

Why is it important to play square with those around you?

How can you develop the ability to work efficiently and think clearly?

Creed Sub-State Questions

What do we mean: "I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others"

What influence can you exert to maintain American Agriculture traditions?

Creed State Questions

Do you believe in the future of agriculture?

What does it mean “even as the better things we now enjoy

have come to us from the struggles of former years”?

May 2003, Sub-State Creed Questions

1. Name two achievements won by former years.
2. How has FFA helped you work efficiently and think clearly?
3. Name some joys and discomforts you have faced through your SAE.

J.D. Baser

Pomeroy FFA Advisor

Pomeroy, Washington

FFA Creed Questions for Thought

- 1.
2. Why is it important to believe in the future of agriculture?
3. How can you show that you believe in the future of agriculture?
4. What does it mean to have a faith born not of words but of deeds?
5. Give an example of a time in your life when you demonstrated that you have a faith born not of words but of deeds.
6. What are some of the achievements won by the present generation of agriculturists?
7. What are some of the achievements won by the past generations of agriculturists?
8. How have you benefited from “achievements won by the past and present generations of agriculturists”?
9. What does “in the promise of better days through better ways”?
10. What are some of the “struggles of former years”?
11. What makes a “good farm”?
12. Besides farming, what are some of the “other agricultural pursuits”?
13. How is living and working on a farm pleasant
14. How is living and working on a farm challenging?
15. What are some of the joys and discomforts of agricultural life?
16. What does it mean to “hold an inborn fondness for those associations”?
17. What are some examples of “hours of discouragement”?
18. Why should you believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others?
19. How can you demonstrate leadership in your chapter?
20. Give an example of a time when you showed great respect for someone.
21. Real or fictional, who is the person you respect most?

22. How can you make sure you can work efficiently and think clearly?
23. How can you secure knowledge and skills?
24. How can the progressive agriculturalist serve our own and the public interest?
25. What is the product of our toil?
26. What does it mean to believe in less dependence in begging and more power in bargaining?
27. What is the life abundant?
28. What is honest wealth?
29. What does "in less need for charity and more of it when needed" mean?
30. What do you do to make sure you are happy yourself?
31. How can you "play square with those whose happiness depends on you"?
32. Whose happiness depends on you?
33. What are some of the "best traditions of our national life"?
34. How can you exert an influence in your home and community?
35. How can you "stand solid" for your part?
36. What is that inspiring task?
37. What are tasks that you find inspiring?
38. What is a creed?
39. What can FFA members do to live the creed?
40. What do the words "I believe" mean to you?

**Darcy Cook
Westwood High School**

Arizona

Here are a couple I use, probably not much different from other peoples. —

Cheryl Lowe, Woodstown, NJ

- Do you believe in the future of agriculture?
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CREED QUESTIONS

1. In the fourth paragraph of the creed, it states, "in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me." Your question is two parts: What makes you happy and what does it mean to play square with others ?
2. What influence can you have on the future of Agriculture?
3. Which paragraph is the most important to you and why?
4. What is the future of Agriculture?
5. What are some of the better "ways" we have improved agriculture?
6. What are some of the most important achievement that the past generation of agriculturalists accomplishes?
7. What will some of the future struggles in agriculture?
8. How can you implement the FFA creed into your daily life?
9. How can you share the message of the FFA creed with non-members?
10. Why is it important to have all FFA members memorize the FFA Creed?

Scott Blain

Red Lodge FFA

Red Lodge, Montana

Linda Rist, South Dakota

PARAGRAPH I OF THE FFA CREED

1. What reasons are there for believing in the future of agriculture?
2. What do you believe the future of agriculture holds for you?
3. What is meant by the statement, "With a faith born not of words but of deeds?"
4. What are some of the important "achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists?"
5. How can we have "better days through better ways?"
6. What are some of the "better things we now enjoy that have come up to us from the struggle of former years?"

PARAGRAPH II OF THE FFA CREED

1. What is meant by "engaged in other agricultural pursuits?"