

Tennessee State Fair

FFA Public Speaking

This event will take place on August 17, 2026 with registration at 9:30 in the 4-H/FFA Building. This event is an open contest and these rules are only for the Tennessee Wilson County/ Tennessee State Fair

- Contestants will wear official dress

Speeches should be 3-4 minutes in length. No visuals may be used for any speech. Contestants may not use note cards; the use of note cards will result in penalties.

- Contestants will be judged on delivery & presentation (40 pts).
- Construction and relevance (40 pts),
- Creativity in overall presentation (15 pts), and
- Adherence to time allotted (5 pts).

Judges will stop contestants if the speech goes over the allotted time or if the speech is inappropriate. No questions will be asked.

Speech Topics

Middle School (6-8th grade)

Tell the story of a Tennessee crop from field to table.

Freshmen (9th Grade)

How do county and state fairs help tell the story of agriculture?

Sophomores (10th Grade)

Discuss the value of supporting local farmers and farmer's markets.

Juniors (11th Grade)

How can young leaders and/or FFA members strengthen Tennessee agriculture?

Seniors (12th Grade)

Why does agricultural advocacy matter more now than ever?