2014-2015 Suggested natural resources Speaking LSE Topics/Information

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts is providing some “suggested” topic areas for the Natural Resources Speaking Leadership Skills Event. The purpose is to help students focus on areas relevant to natural resources.

The following topical areas:

1. What actions can producers take to ensure the long-term productivity of soil and water resources?

(Variety of sources.  NRCS has papers on the Soil Health and Conservation Cropping System Initiative on their website)

1. What water quantity benefits are provided by soil conservation practices?  Are there any consequences of those benefits?

(There are several research projects that show how conservation improves soil moisture, reduces irrigation needs, reduces runoff (which helps with water quality), but also reduces stream flows because the moisture stays on the farm.)

1. What fertilizer practices can producers implement to better manage nitrogen needs of their crops?

(There are many available sources of information on nitrogen management)

REMINDER—these are suggested topics only and have NO BEARING on the scoring of the competition. The purpose is to help students more easily select natural resources-related, timely topics for their speech.