



ECONOMIC RESEARCH TEAM

(160)

—Secondary—

REGIONAL – 2018

Judges: Please double check and verify all scores and answer keys!

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Topic

The U.S. Federal Government has offered agricultural subsidies since the time of the Great Depression. Proponents of agricultural subsidies state that they are necessary to stabilize agricultural market forces to protect the nation's food supply. Opponents argue that they do *not* achieve the desired market stability and are an expensive tax burden.

Note: Research the forms of agricultural subsidies that are provided and the costs and benefits to providing those subsidies and take a position on whether or *not* agricultural subsidies should continue. Be sure to include the economic impact of your decision to continue or to remove agricultural subsidies.

Teams who do *not* submit an entry that follows this topic will be *disqualified*.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

- Teams will be introduced by team number. **Contestants may continue to wear their name badges.**
- As a team of judges, formulate two to three questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. Be sure to ask the same questions of each team.
- Teams will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- The set-up time will be no more than three (3) minutes.
- The presentation will be no more than seven (7) minutes; followed by judges' questions not to exceed five (5) minutes.
- Excuse teams upon completion of judges' questions.
- **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) teams.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
- Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
- If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
- Give administrator all Judges' Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets and contest materials.
- No audience is allowed in the contest room.

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