

The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds--achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. Revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.

APPROVED LIST OF CREED CDE QUESTIONS - ILLINOIS

1. Who wrote the FFA Creed?
2. At what National Convention was the FFA Creed adopted?
3. At what National FFA Conventions was the FFA Creed revised?
4. What prompted you to participate in this career development event?
5. Why is the Creed important to the FFA?
6. What is the most important part of the Creed to you and why?
7. If you rewrote the Creed, what would you change?
8. Why must faith be born not of words but of deeds?
9. Is there a promise of better days in the future of Agriculture?
10. What are some of the "better things we now enjoy that have come to us from the struggles of former years"?
11. How do you interpret "joys and discomforts of agricultural life"?
12. How do you interpret "to work on a good farm is pleasant"?
13. How are experiences found in agriculture pursuits "pleasant as well as challenging"?
14. What is an achievement, won by past generations of agriculturalists, and how has it brought better days to the agriculture industry?
15. What achievements have been developed in your lifetime that will bring "better days through better ways" to the agriculture industry?
16. What discouragement do you expect to encounter as you become engaged in farming or another agricultural pursuit?
17. How do you interpret "I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others"?
18. How will you develop your own ability to work efficiently and think clearly?
19. How do you interpret "with such knowledge and skill as I can secure"?
20. What is a progressive agriculturist?
21. How do you interpret "to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil"?
22. What is the product of our toil?
23. How do you interpret "less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining"?
24. How do you interpret "life abundant and enough honest wealth to make it so"?
25. How do you interpret "in less need for charity and more of it when needed"?
26. How do you interpret "playing square with those whose happiness depends on me"?
27. How can American Agriculture hold true to the best traditions of our national life?
28. How do you interpret "best traditions of our national life" and why are they important to American Agriculture?
29. How can you and your fellow FFA members exert a positive influence on our homes and community?
30. How do you interpret "my part in that inspiring task"?