



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

Agricultural Discussion Meet 2026 Contest Topics

ENTRIES OPEN:	FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026
ENTRIES CLOSE:	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026
CONTEST DATE:	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
ENTRY FEE:	\$20 FOR EACH CONTEST

Contest Coordinators: Mason & Shannon Parish

Junior Questions (3rd–8th Grade)

Round 1: Being involved in the community looks different for everyone. For example, it might mean helping others, speaking up for what is right, listening to other perspectives, or supporting new ideas.

How can being actively involved in the Montgomery County Fair or in school/community functions benefit you as a person? How can you contribute, and motivate others to contribute, to improving our schools, communities, and the fair?

Round 2: Agriculture can encompass things like gardening, raising animals, improving the ecosystem, and stewarding the land to produce food, fiber, and fuel for others. These activities often require teamwork, patience, responsibility, knowledge, and hard work.

How can being engaged in agriculture help youth, like you, become better people (for example, more responsible or caring)? How can these character traits benefit your future career?

Senior Questions (9th–12th Grade)

Round 1: Information and news are now shared at an accelerated rate that has never been seen before. This has created a more interconnected world as more new avenues for communication become available.

How can the fair and its exhibitors use traditional and/or innovative communication channels to ensure the accuracy of information about agriculture while also promoting the fair?

Round 2 (if applicable; see rules): Farmers and ranchers are at the forefront of environmental stewardship. From soil health to local ecosystems, agriculturists are challenged with how to be environmentally and financially sustainable.

How can agriculturists best advance environmental stewardship while also meeting the demands of feeding a growing population?

Final Round: Technological advancements continue to impact every aspect of the world we live in, including agriculture.

What are some examples of historical or recent agricultural advancements and the problems they intended to address? What should be considered when introducing new technologies to safeguard the American consumer and reputation of the agricultural industry?