

2012 KASLA Current Event Topics-Homework Assignment

This year the Academy participants will work in groups to research a current even topic and give approximately a ten minute presentation. Here is your topic and group members for your group project. You will need to do research before you come to the academy. Please be sure you are searching in places that have correct, current data. Do not use information that is opinionated. You are encouraged to bring original documents you find while researching to the academy. You will get several times throughout the week to work with your group and to prepare your presentation, which will be given at the formal reception on Saturday, June 9.

#1 Group Members: Tricia Schmitz, Sarah Brend, Callahan Grund, Michael McKinney, Taylor Ohlde

1. "Pink Slime"

- a. What is it?
- b. Why is it causing a problem in the beef industry?
- c. When did this topic arise in the media?
- d. What are the opposing sides of the topic?
- e. How does it affect you?
- f. How can you, as representatives of the livestock industry, make sure the correct information is known within your clubs and counties?

#2 Group Members: Jaid Runft, Tracy Schmitz, Travis Hoch, Reid Shipman, Blake Foraker

2. 2011 US Department of Labor Child Labor Rule

- a. What is it?
- b. What are the opposing sides of the topic?
- c. How does it affect you?
- d. When did the issue arise?
- e. How can you, as a representative of the livestock industry, let your voice be heard?

#3 Group Members: Emma Stewart, Tanner Aherin, Cory Craver, Tyler Pederson, Thomas Feldhausen

3. Does anesthesia need to be used for minor farm animal surgeries (dehorn, castration, etc.)?

- a. What is anesthesia?
- b. What are the opposing sides of the argument?
- c. What type of animal surgeries do/do not need anesthesia?
- d. Why should it be used? Why should it not be used?
- e. **We will discuss this more at the Academy.

#4 Group Members: Addison Gauthier, Trint Peine, Carl Clawson, Conner Traxson, Karl Riffel

4. Rising Feed Costs

- a. Why is it occurring?
- b. How does it affect you and your 4-H/FFA projects?
- c. What are you doing to cope with it?
- d. What is to be expected?
- e. How can you, as a representative of the livestock industry, let your voice be heard?