

Princess of the Furrow

Potential Interview Questions 2019

- 1) Who is your mentor and why?
- 2) Of all the people involved with agriculture in all aspects, who is your role model and why?
- 3) Do you think the Princess of the Furrow competition should be changed to an ambassador competition, to allow young men to compete?
- 4) Name advantages/disadvantages of moving the plowing match to different locations each year.
- 5) What do you think is the most important agricultural issue in Canada today?
- 6) What is the significance of the Princess of the Furrow program in the 21st century?
- 7) What is the future of the family farm?
- 8) Comment on the role of computers in making farms operate more efficiently.
- 9) How could the Princess of the Furrow program be adapted to increase its value in the 21st century?
- 10) If you could be any farm animal, what animal would you be and why?
- 11) If you were travelling the world and could take only one thing with you, what would it be?
- 12) What would be the one biggest thing you would do if you were chosen as the next IPM Princess of the Furrow?
- 13) In your own words, what is the purpose of the Ontario Plowmen's Association?
- 14) How can we get more people from Chatham-Kent out to the local plowing match?
- 15) How can we get girls interesting in competing for the Queen and Princess of the Furrow titles?

- 16) What event could we host in local schools to get kids thinking about agriculture?
- 17) What is a furrow? (Furrow: a narrow channel made in the ground by or as if by a plow)
- 18) Name 2 of the main components of a plowed land. (Opening Split, Crown, General Work, Finish)
- 19) Name 2 parts of the plow. (Moldboard, Coulter, Frog, Land Slide, Gauge Wheel)
- 20) What does OPA stand for? (Ontario Plowmen's Association)
- 21) What does IPM stand for? (International Plowing Match and Rural Expo)
- 22) If you were going to plow, would you rather plow with a horse or a tractor, and why?

<u>Plow</u>: The plow is the basic tool for growing crops. It is sometimes the first implement used in preparing a seedbed for crops. The plow is used to turn and break up soil, to bury crop residues, and to help control weeds. It can aerate the soil, make it more fertile, and help it retain moisture.

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Some useful information to know:

- Federal Minister of Agriculture: Marie-Claude Bibeau
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture: Ernie Hardeman
- President of the OPA: Sheila Marshall
- Ontario Queen of the Furrow: Derika Nauta, Oxford
- IPM Princess of the Furrow: Tate Driscoll
- OPA Executive Director: Cathy Lasby
- 2019 IPM Theme: "Sharing the Love of Life"
- Upcoming/Past IPM locations:
 - o 2017 Huron County, Walton (Note: Start of IPM Princess Competition)
 - o 2018 Chatham-Kent, Pain Court
 - o 2019 West Nipissing, Verner
 - o 2020 Up for Bid

Also an online study tool is available at: https://goo.gl/forms/geWAQkvkiJOhCnJ02

The questions are geared toward the queen level, however, good to study from.

*Please note: You will not be asked all of these questions during the interview.

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