

2024-2025 Discussion Meet Topics

- 1. Young farmers and ranchers are finding that they need to diversify their farm portfolio. What are some ways that young farmers and ranchers can utilize diversification to explore new revenue sources? How can Farm Bureau support YF&R members as they strengthen their farm and ranch businesses?
- 2. The landscape of American agriculture and the picture of the "typical" American farm continues to change. Meanwhile, Farm Bureau will need to continue to recruit and retain members in order to be a vibrant and effective organization into the future. How can Farm Bureau continue to provide value and opportunity to welcome members from across the broad diversity of modern agriculture and American farmers and ranchers?
- 3. Succession planning is often a tough subject not only for individual farms and ranches, but also within county Farm Bureaus. Some younger members may find it challenging to become involved in their county Farm Bureau beyond the YF&R committee. What are some ways that county Farm Bureaus can encourage involvement from young members, and how can actively engaged young board members help their county Farm Bureaus plan for the future?
- 4. Farmers and ranchers are reliant on multiple energy sources to run equipment, heat livestock barns, and provide power to storage and maintenance facilities. How can Farm Bureau work with energy companies, local governments and rural communities to increase domestic energy production, minimize loss of agricultural land and protect private property rights?

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State Winner (1) \$250



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