



2025 YOUNG LEADER

DISCUSSION MEET

Topics for District Discussion Meets:

There are numerous resources available to support seamless farm and ranch succession planning. How can Farm Bureau help increase understanding, access and utilization of tools and resources that help facilitate the smooth transition of land and capital from one generation to the next?

Urban sprawl presents significant challenges for farmers, impacting access to land and resources. We see that 1.9 million acres of agricultural land are lost to development each year. How can Farm Bureau help promote responsible growth in communities while mitigating the loss of farms, ranches, and the agrarian way of life?

Additional Topics for State Competition:

Technology has made the world more interconnected than ever, creating new avenues for communication with policymakers. How can digital engagement be leveraged to effectively connect Farm Bureau members with their local, state, and national elected and appointed officials?

Farmers are at the forefront of environmental stewardship. From soil health to local ecosystems, producers are concerned about how to be both environmentally and financially sustainable. How can farmers effectively advance environmental stewardship while balancing the needs of their farms?

Farm Bureau offers a diverse range of member benefits at the state and national levels. What strategies can be implemented to ensure members are fully informed about the savings on products and services available to them? Additionally, how can young farmers and leaders leverage these industry relationships to strengthen local partnerships and increase utilization of these discounts to keep their operations running smoothly?

Contact your county Farm Bureau® for eligibility and contest information.

Districts	Date	Location	Orientation Time	Contest Starting Time
1	Thurs. July 24	DeKalb County FB, Sycamore	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
2	Mon. August 4	Stephenson County FB, Freeport	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
3	Wed. August 13	Henry County FB, Cambridge	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
4	Tues. July 29	LaSalle County FB, Ottawa	5:30 PM	6:00 PM
5 & 6	Tues. July 29	Schaefer Pioneer Seed, Mazon	5:30 PM	6:00 PM
7 & 8	Tues. August 5	Tazewell County FB, Pekin	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
9	Tues. August 5	Brown County FB, Mount Sterling	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
10	Tues. July 29	Cass-Morgan County FB, Jacksonville	6:30 PM	7:00 PM
11 & 12	Tues. July 29	Champaign County FB, Champaign	5:30 PM	6:00 PM
13 & 17	Tues. August 5	Edwards County FB, Albion	5:30 PM	6:00 PM
14	Thurs. August 7	Fayette County FB, Vandalia	7:00 PM	7:30 PM
15 & 16	Wed. August 6	Madison County FB, Edwardsville	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
18	Thurs. July 10	Massac County FB, Metropolis	7:00 PM	7:30 PM

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