

Discussion Meet Tuesday Trainings

To help competitors prepare for state and national Discussion Meets, AFBF will be hosting a series of trainings again this fall. Each call/webinar will last an hour and include an industry expert on one of the five questions that will be used in the 2017 NYFB YF&R Discussion Meet, the 2017 NYFB YF&R Collegiate Discussion Meet, the 2018 YF&R Discussion Meet in Nashville and the 2018 YF&R Collegiate Discussion Meet in Reno. The first training will cover the overall competition and preparation tips. There will be ample time for questions and answers during each of the trainings.

Reminders will be sent to the Discussion Meet list-serv one week prior to each training and include the question, speaker information, handouts and call-in/log-in information. If you would like to be added to the list-serv, please send your email address to Aldyn Abell at aldyna@fb.org. Recordings of all the trainings will be provided to those on the list-serv after the completion of the trainings.

Tuesday Training Schedule:

- Tuesday, August 1, at 8:00 p.m. ET – General overview of the competition
- Tuesday, August 8, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #1
 1. Farmers are a shrinking percentage of the population. How can Farm Bureau help first-generation farmers and ranchers get started in agriculture?
- Tuesday, August 15, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #2
 2. With a growing demand for US farm products abroad, how can agriculture overcome public skepticism of foreign trade to negotiate new trade agreements and open new world markets?
- Tuesday, August 22, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #3
 3. Formation of family farm corporations is common practice. How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that the public's positive perception of the family farm is not lost?
- Tuesday, August 29, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #4
 4. How can farmers and ranchers maintain their buying power with the continued trend of input supplier and provider consolidations?
- Tuesday, September 5, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #5
 5. How can Farm Bureau help members with increasing legal and regulatory obstacles so they can focus on farming and ranching?

Call Information:

All trainings will use the following toll-free number and passcode:

Toll-Free Number: 1-800-768-2983

Participant Passcode: 7870140 #

Webinar Link: The specific and unique link will be sent out with the weekly reminder.