

## Discussion Meet Training Calls

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 2019 YF&R Discussion Meet in New Orleans and the YF&R Collegiate Discussion Meet in Milwaukee. 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 the Discussion Meet list-serv prior to each call. If you would like to be added to the list-serv, please send your email address to Aldyn Abell at [aldyna@fb.org](mailto: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 7, at 8:00 p.m. ET – General overview of the competition

Tuesday, August 14, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #1: In our modern world, the rapid dissemination of information and opinion about agriculture and food technologies can make it difficult to distinguish fact from fiction. Given these challenges, how can Farm Bureau best protect farmers' and ranchers' access to production technology options?

Tuesday, August 21, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #2: As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.

Tuesday, August 28, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #3: Technology is one of the driving forces for innovation and advancement in agriculture. How can the industry attract the best and brightest minds from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) into agricultural careers?

Tuesday, September 4, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #4: Money talks. How can farmers implement market trends and develop responsive business plans to generate value-added ventures and farm profits?

Tuesday, September 11, at 8:00 p.m. ET – Question #5: Associate members are a driver of new ideas and support. How do we create membership value and broaden the base of supporters in the Farm Bureau family?

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

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

Participant Passcode: 7870140 #