2021 NYFB YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS DISCUSSION MEET CONTEST

Eligibility:

- Participant shall be a regular Farm Bureau member between the ages of 18 and 35 in good standing with his/her county Farm Bureau. The individual shall have reached his/her 18th birthday at the time he/she qualifies for the national competition and shall not have reached his/her 36th birthday by Jan. 31, 2022.
- Participant must be actively engaged in agriculture.
- Past and present members of the AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
- Previous AFBF Discussion Meet competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Current employees or agents of county, state and/or the American Farm Bureau organizations and their affiliates are not eligible to compete. An affiliate is defined as an entity owned or controlled in whole or in part by another entity through, for example, ownership (including partial ownership) or positions on the board of directors.
- Past employees who were responsible for implementing any of the YF&R Competitive Events at the state or national level are ineligible.
- Professional speakers are not eligible to compete. Professional speakers are those who have received a fee, royalty or honorarium for speaking (i.e., paid speaking appearances or speaking engagements) within 24 months prior to this annual competition. This excludes reimbursement for travel or expenses attendant to the appearance.

Judging:

Discussion meeting Judging Criteria:

Problem Solving & Implementation	25 points
Analysis of Topic or Problem	20 points
Cooperative Attitude	15 points
Delivery	15 points
Opening Statement	10 points
Closing Statement	15 points
Possible Total Points	100 points

The state winner will represent New York at the AFBF national competition.

COVID-19: If AFBF is unable to hold the 2022 Annual Convention in-person due to COVID-19, the competitive events will be held virtually.