

## **2018 Wisconsin Association of FFA Discussion Meet Topics**

### ***District Discussion Meet Topics:***

- 1. What is FFA's role in creating food security within schools and communities?**
  - Farm to School initiatives
  - Community partnerships and involvement
  - Food production
  - Innovation and technology
- 2. What is FFA's role in developing and introducing members to the importance of advocacy for agriculture, agricultural education and rural opportunities?**
  - Local involvement (schools, towns, cities)
  - FFA Day at the Hill
  - WLC Legislative Visits
  - Advocacy resources for FFA Chapters
- 3. How can agriculture education/FFA address misconceptions about career opportunities in the agriculture industry?**
  - Challenges vs. Opportunities
  - STEM Careers
  - Production vs. nonproduction careers
  - Promotion of non-agriculture backgrounds

### ***Sectional and State Discussion Meet Topics:***

- 1. Formation of family farm corporations is common practice. How can Agriculture Education/FFA work to ensure that the public's positive perception of the family farm is not lost?**
  - Risks vs. Benefits for forming corporations
  - Public perception vs. reality of family farm corporations
  - Agritourism
- 2. What new contests/events or revisions need to be explored by FFA to meet the new opportunities in agriculture?**
  - Innovation and technology
  - Career pathways and meeting needs of diverse students
  - System to identify new contests and contest evaluation
  - Utilizing FFA Alumni, industry leaders and key stakeholders
- 3. Farmers are a shrinking percentage of the population. How can Agriculture Education/FFA help first-time farmers and ranchers get started in agriculture?**
  - Incentives for first time farmers
  - Farm Transfer/Mentor programs
  - Current Programs vs. new programs
  - SAE involvement to get students started
- 4. How can FFA partner with other organizations to continue to build and develop rural leaders?**
  - Balance between rural and urban resources for agriculture education programs
  - Bridging generations of leaders
  - FFA Alumni involvement
  - Leadership development opportunities (Farm Forum, PDPW, Breed Assoc.)