Discussion Meet &
Collegiate Discussion Meet Resources
2015

General Resources and Websites:

- US Department of Agriculture
- US Department of Labor
- US Department of Education
- American Farm Bureau Federation
    - Issue Backgrounders
    - Economic Analysis
- Farm Bureau ACT Insider
- American Farm Bureau Foundation for Ag
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)/Cooperative Extension Service
- Start2Farm
- State Departments of Agriculture
- Beginning Farmers
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

1. **How would the condition of government-managed public lands change if they were managed privately? What are the pros and cons of government ownership of land versus private ownership?**

   American Lands Council
   The Federal Government's Poor Management of America's Land Resources -
   Reforming Public Land Management with New Incentives

2. **Should farmers and ranchers be held liable for possible food-borne illnesses when the food item of concern can be traced back to their farms or ranches? Why or why not?**

   Penn State Law Center
   Public Health Law Center
   Legal Issues for Food Safety Article
   Western Growers- Food Safety Resources
   Background on Selected Federal Agencies with a Role in Food Safety
   Food Safety Litigation News
   United Fresh

3. **The farm bill crop insurance provisions offer a safety net for crop loss due to natural disaster and/or price risk. Should a safety net for livestock producers be developed, and what provisions might it include?**

   USDA Risk Management Agency
   Iowa State University Revenue Insurance for Livestock Producers
   Nationwide – The Right Livestock Insurance for Your Needs
   Livestock Disaster and Dairy Provision in the Farm Bill

4. **How can young farmers and ranchers work to encourage membership growth and member engagement for the county, state and national Farm Bureau organizations?**

   Marketing General Inc. Annual Membership Marketing Benchmarking Report
   American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Membership page
   AFBF "It's All about Membership" program

5. **How should our nation's policies balance concerns about food insecurity against concerns about the safety or environmental impact of modern agricultural technologies? What role should farmers have in discussing and debating these issues in our society and with our lawmakers?**

   GMO Answers
   Coalition for Safe, Affordable Food
   The Facts about GMO's
   Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) role in regulating GMO
   American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Board statement by the regarding mandatory GMO labeling