



2016-2017 Discussion Meet Questions

1. American agriculture depends on a foreign-born labor force. How would you draft a national immigration policy?
2. How can we ensure that farmers and ranchers, not government agencies, are driving the management of natural resources?
3. How can we as farmers and ranchers maintain “ownership” of our intellectual and proprietary information? (Big data, unmanned aerial vehicles, unauthorized videos)
4. The nation’s tax policy has become increasingly complicated and cumbersome. What should a balanced and beneficial tax policy look like for agriculture?
5. Today’s food companies employ many tactics to gain a marketing edge. What is the purpose of food labels? How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that consumers understand the labels and have confidence in the safety and quality of their food?

Note: We will use these questions for the 2016 preliminaries (to be held at the Commodity Conference), for the 2016 Collegiate Discussion Meet, the 2016 Discussion Meet Finals (held at the Annual Meeting), and the winners of these events will use these questions in national competition in January and February 2017..