

Potential 2023 Virginia Youth Discussion Meet Questions

1. Virginia Farm Bureau is the largest producer organization in the Commonwealth and represents farmers to local state, and national officials. How can Virginia Farm Bureau work closer with youth organizations to represent younger farmers and increase participation by the next generation of agriculturalists?
 2. How can youth organizations and Farm Bureau effectively support and equip the next generation to successfully manage economic challenges to ensure healthy and sustainable farms?
 3. Many of our youth in agriculture do not come from a farm background and have few farm experiences, but do have a growing excitement for opportunities in the industry. How do we help youth become better prepared for a career in the agricultural industry beyond in-class instruction? What can Farm Bureau do to help our youth participating in 4-H, FFA or other youth organizations gain on-farm experience?
 4. Climate has become a major topic among business leaders, policymakers and consumers. As our industry that depends on the weather, what role can youth interested in agriculture play in shaping climate initiatives to benefit society overall as well as our own farms and ranches?
 5. Advancements in autonomous equipment and drone technology offer solutions to challenges farmers and ranchers have faced for years. How can youth organizations encourage and Farm Bureau use of these emerging technologies on their operations?
 6. How do you as young agriculturalists lead your youth organizations to break the current attitude of “us versus them” in American farming practices? Examples include organic versus conventional farming, small versus large, traditional versus non-traditional, local versus global, direct marketing versus retail, producer versus consumer.
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