



YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS

## LFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers 2024 Discussion Meet Questions

1. \*Young farmers and ranchers are finding they need to diversify their farm portfolio. What are some ways that young farmers and ranchers can utilize diversification to explore new revenue sources? How can Farm Bureau support YF&R members as they strengthen their farm and ranch businesses?
2. Increases in the price of agricultural land make access and ownership of land one of the biggest hurdles for young farmers and ranchers looking to start or expand farms and ranches. How can young farmers and ranchers position themselves to react to competition for agricultural land?
3. The landscape of American agriculture and the picture of the “typical” American farm continues to change. Meanwhile, Farm Bureau will need to continue to recruit and retain members in order to be a vibrant and effective organization into the future. How can Farm Bureau continue to provide value and opportunity to welcome members from across the broad diversity of modern agriculture and American farmers and ranchers?
4. \*Succession planning is often a tough subject not only for individual farms and ranches but also within parish Farm Bureaus. Some younger members may find it challenging to become involved in their parish Farm Bureau beyond the YF&R committee. What are some ways that parish Farm Bureaus can encourage involvement from young members and how can actively engaged young board members help their parish Farm Bureaus plan for the future?
5. Farmers and ranchers are reliant on multiple energy sources to run equipment, heat livestock barns and power storage and maintenance facilities. How can Farm Bureau work with energy companies, local governments, and rural communities to increase domestic energy production, minimize loss of agricultural land and protect private property rights?

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Questions with an asterisk (\*) will be discussed at the 2024 LFBF YF&R Discussion Meet on June 27.

All five questions will be used for the YF&R Discussion Meet held during AFBF Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX and the Collegiate Discussion Meet held during the AFBF YF&R FUSION Conference in 2025.