

**SC Farm Bureau Federation**  
**Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet**  
**December 4, 2020**  
**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center – Columbia, SC**

**Eligibility**

- Participant shall be a Farm Bureau member between the ages of 18 and 35 in good standing with his/her county Farm Bureau. The individual shall have reached his/her 18th birthday at the time he/she competes and shall not have reached his/her 36th birthday by January 31, 2021.
  - Participant must be actively engaged in agriculture.
  - Past state YF&R Discussion Meet winners are not eligible to compete.
  - Current employees of county, state and/or American Farm Bureaus and their affiliates are not eligible to compete. An affiliate is defined as an entity owned or controlled in whole or in part by another entity through, for example, ownership (including partial ownership) or positions on the board of directors. Past employees who were responsible for implementing any of the YF&R Competitive Events at the state or national level are ineligible.
  - Professional speakers are not eligible to compete. Professional speakers are those who have received a fee, royalty or honorarium for speaking (i.e., paid speaking appearances or speaking engagements) within 24 months prior to this annual competition.
  - To the best of his/her knowledge, participant must be available to compete in the AFBF YF&R Discussion Meet January 8-13, 2021. This would be required if he/she were deemed the SCFB Discussion Meet Winner.
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**2020 YF&R Discussion Meet Questions**

1. International trade is important to agriculture. We must continue working to build strong relations with existing customers while seeking out new trade partners to strengthen market stability. How can we enhance existing, and establish new and diverse foreign trading partners?
  2. Connectivity underpins the modern economy. What mix of investment and policy initiatives can provide reliable broadband access to farmers, ranchers and rural America?
  3. The increasing frequency and intensity of natural disasters creates additional risk for farmers and ranchers. What tools and production practices can be engaged to reduce climate and weather risks?
  4. The decline in rural populations is accelerated by a poor farm economy. What solutions would enhance the vibrancy and economic sustainability of agriculture and rural communities?
  5. Is big data a big solution or big exposure? Technology tools are often cited as a method of increasing productivity and profitability, but there are liabilities that go along with technology. As young farmers and ranchers we are often first adopters. How do we ensure clear understanding of the risks and rewards of big data and smart farming?
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**Prize Package:**

**The winner will receive:**

- An EZ-GO Golf Cart provided in part by Garrett's Golf Cars & Specialty Vehicles
- A voucher for up to \$500 in STIHL merchandise provided by STIHL
- A trip to compete (required) at the American Farm Bureau (AFBF) annual convention in San Diego, CA (January 8-13, 2021)\*
- An opportunity to attend the 2021 AFBF FUSION Conference in Portland, OR on March 12-15, 2021\*

**The FINAL FOUR will receive:**

- A \$250 VISA gift card

**All participants will receive:**

- All participants who do not advance to the Final Four will receive a \$75 VISA gift card.

*\*Disclaimers for Awards & Competitions: Awards programs are subject to change. Out-of-town trips are based upon availability. Winner must agree to represent SCFB in the national competition to receive the prize package.*