SC Farm Bureau Federation
Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet
December 3, 2021
Kingston Plantation – Myrtle Beach, 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, 2022.
- 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 7-12, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia. This would be required if he/she were deemed the SCFB Discussion Meet Winner.

2021 YF&R Discussion Meet Questions

1. How can Farm Bureau improve its effectiveness at recruiting YF&R members and increasing participation in YF&R programs?

2. COVID revealed several cracks involving the processing of livestock. How can Farm Bureau policy support easing government regulations to ensure long-term economic viability for local animal processing facilities, while ensuring the health of workers and that a healthy product is still delivered to consumers?

3. Studies show more farmers and farm families are experiencing stress and mental health issues. What can farmers, ranchers and Farm Bureau do to proactively promote good mental health in both themselves and their communities?

4. Agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries. What can we, as young farmers and ranchers, do to create a more preventative, rather than reactive, approach to farm safety in our communities?

5. As the world population increases, so will the need for renewable resources. On a local level and across the globe, how can Farm Bureau help farmers and ranchers continue to increase their efficiency in the use of valuable resources and transition to “Green Energy” practices on their farm or ranch?

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 Atlanta, Georgia (January 7-12, 2022)*
- A one-night stay at the SCFB YF&R Conference in Charleston, SC (February 4-6, 2022)*, and
- An opportunity to attend the 2022 YF&R Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY Feb. 25-28, 2022 *

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.