

2023 High School Discussion Meet Question

1. Consumers are under the impression that hormones and antibiotics used in meat and milk productions are harmful. How can the Idaho Farm Bureau help educate both the consumers and the producers about the proper usage and administering of hormones and antibiotics in milk and meat production?
2. We are currently seeing an influx of biosecurity concerns such as Avian Flu and the possibility of African Swine Flu making it to the United States. What is the responsibility of the producer and what is the responsibility of the government in terms of biosecurity?
3. Idaho's urban population is growing at a rapid pace which is causing the construction of more subdivisions that need water. Should water for lawns and subdivisions be cut off earlier than water for crops and pastures in low water years?
4. Education plays an important role in the safety, sustainability, and relevance of agriculture. It is essential to have correct information readily available to educators that may not have background or experience in agriculture. What tools can we give teachers to ensure agricultural issues are being addressed in a positive non-biased way?
5. Farms are one of the most regulated industries in the nation on local, state, and federal levels. One area that is highly regulated is food safety. Are the guidelines we have in place for food safety necessary or is the government overreaching?