

## **2026 High School Discussion Meet Questions**

1. In today's polarized political climate, extreme positions often dominate the conversation. How can the Farm Bureau work effectively with elected officials across the spectrum to ensure that agriculture's voice is not lost in the noise?
2. As the number of family farms and ranches decreases, how can the Farm Bureau help prepare and cultivate the integration of succession planning?
3. Many farmers and ranchers introduce themselves by saying they're "just" a farmer or "just" a rancher—language that unintentionally downplays their importance. How can we shift this mindset and encourage pride in the profession, helping the public see agriculture professionals as "your farmer" or "your rancher"?
4. Smaller farms and ranches often face unique challenges that differ from larger operations. How can the Idaho Farm Bureau better engage with small-scale producers in its policies and programs while still supporting agriculture as a whole?
5. Water use is one of the most contentious issues in Idaho agriculture. How can Farm Bureau facilitate constructive, solution-focused conversations?