



# 2018 Discussion Meet

*Friendly Competition That Builds Your Leadership Skills*

## 2018 District & State Discussion Topics:

Technology is one of the driving forces for innovation and advancement in agriculture.

How can the industry attract the best and highest minds from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) into agricultural careers?

Associate members are a driver of new ideas and support.

How do we create membership value and broaden the base of supporters in the Farm Bureau family?



## Additional Topics for State Competition:

In our modern world, the rapid dissemination of information and opinion about agriculture and food technologies can make it difficult to distinguish fact from fiction.

Given these challenges, how can Farm Bureau best protect farmers' and ranchers' access to production technology option

As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices?

This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.

Money talks.

How can farmers implement market trends and develop responsive business plans to generate value-added ventures and farm profits?

## Entries due to your county Farm Bureau 7 days before your district competition

Contact your county Farm Bureau® for eligibility and contest information.

IAA Districts	Date	Location	Orientation Time	Contest Starting Time
1 & 2	Aug. 20 (Mon.)	DeKalb County FB, Sycamore	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
3	Aug. 30 (Thurs.)	Henry County FB, Cambridge	6:15 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
4	Aug. 2 (Thurs.)	Lee County FB, Amboy	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
5 & 6	Aug. 9 (Thurs.)	Schaefer Pioneer, Mazon	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
7 & 8	Aug. 7 (Tues.)	Edwards Compeer Financial, Edwards	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
9	Aug. 2 (Thurs.)	Hancock County FB, Carthage	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
10	July 31 (Tues.)	Sangamon County FB, Springfield	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
11 & 12	Aug. 2 (Thurs.)	Macon County FB, Decatur	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
13 & 17	July 17 (Tues.)	Edwards County FB, Albion	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
14	Aug. 6 (Mon.)	Effingham County FB, Effingham	6:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
15 & 16	Aug. 23 (Thurs.)	St. Clair County FB, Belleville	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
18	Aug. 18 (Sat.)	Massac County FB, Metropolis	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

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