

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Age:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name of College you are attending:

College Program you are enrolled in:

Are you an active Farm Bureau
Member? Yes / No

If yes - which state?

Mail form to: NH Farm Bureau
295 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH 03034
Registration deadline - September 10, 2010

OBJECTIVES

Farm Bureau's strength depends on its members' ability to analyze agricultural issues and decide on solutions that best meet their needs. The Collegiate Discussion Meet is an activity designed to build these crucial skills in young, active leaders in agriculture on the collegiate level. By participating, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems.

As a leadership training and self-improvement activity, the Collegiate Discussion Meet experience will:

1. Stimulate logical thinking and a desire for accurate information.
2. Develop a concise and direct manner of speaking.
3. Improve the ability to listen.
4. Aid the participant in overcoming timidity or stage fright.
5. Assist the individual in the practice of giving and receiving criticism in a helpful manner.
6. Teach the value of compromise.
7. Develop leaders for effective problem solving through group discussion.



NEW ENGLAND YOUNG FARMER COLLEGIATE DISCUSSION MEET

2010

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Collegiate Discussion Meet competitors must be an undergraduate college student from a New England state with a recognized Young Farmer & Rancher program.
2. Individuals who have competed in a previous American Farm Bureau Federation Collegiate Discussion Meet or Discussion Meet are ineligible.
3. Competitors must also be involved in a college of agriculture with at least a minor in an agricultural field of study.
4. Past and present AFBF YF&R committee members are ineligible.
5. Professional speakers are ineligible. Professional speakers are those who have received a fee, royalty or honorarium for speaking (i.e., paid speaking appearances) within 24 months prior to this annual competition. This excludes reimbursement for travel or expenses attendant to the appearance.
6. County, state and American Farm Bureau employees are not eligible.
7. Competitors shall not be enrolled in a graduate level program at the time of their state Collegiate Discussion Meet competitive event.



THE MEET

- The Collegiate Discussion Meet is designed to simulate discussion from each competitor.
- The competitors will discuss pre-selected topics.
- The four fundamental bases of general discussion are:
 - 1 - Cooperation
 - 2 - Constructive Criticism
 - 3 - Problem Solving
 - 4 - Communication
- The discussion should not be "conversation" or aimless talk, nor should the participant take the role of a persuasive speaker. The participant should try to cooperatively shed light on the problem and tentatively retain a flexible position.
- A successful participant is a productive thinker rather than an emotional persuader. Sometimes it's reasonable to change positions whenever new information and ideas are presented.
- This is not a panel symposium wherein each participant, in turn, makes a presentation, with the moderator ending the session with a summary. Rather, it is an exercise in cooperative problem solving, with the questions, answers and statements coming from any person at any time. The moderator plays an inactive role during the discussion.

PRIZES!

FIRST place WINNER receives:

- A TRIP to the Young Farmer & Rancher Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL FEBRUARY 5 - 7, 2011.
- A year membership with your state Farm Bureau
- Consolation prizes also to be awarded!



EVENT INFO

DATE: September 29

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION:

University of NH (Durham)
Building Room - Cole 219

For more information contact the
New Hampshire Farm Bureau at
(603) 224-1934.