

## 2023 Wisconsin Association of FFA Discussion Meet Topics

### ***District Discussion Meet Topics:***

#### **1. How can Agricultural Education/FFA better utilize the leaders it has developed?**

- Local, State and National program development and support
- Leadership opportunities after active membership
- FFA Alumni activities and opportunities
- Involvement in organizations after FFA

#### **2. What can Agricultural Education/FFA programs do to help establish rapport with local and state representatives to ensure an understanding of agriculture?**

- Current programs in place
- New opportunities to work with FFA partners/sponsors
- Expanding FFA leadership development

#### **3. Less than 2% of the United States population is directly involved with agriculture. In order to bridge the gap, how can we diversify and be inclusive of non-traditional agriculture and urban communities to engage with agriculture?**

- Ag in the Classroom resources and activities
- Virtual farm tours and guest speakers/mentors
- FFA chapter exchange programs/tours
- Digital channels (i.e. podcasts, social media, etc.)

### ***Sectional and State Discussion Meet Topics:***

#### **1. How can Agricultural Education/FFA work with industry partners to help high school students learn about, gain access to and incorporate emerging technologies into their agriculture classrooms and Supervised Agricultural Experiences?**

- Availability of agriculture and education grants
- Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom
- Department collaborations within a school

#### **2. Farmers are a shrinking percentage of the population. How can Agricultural Education/FFA help first-time farmers and ranchers get started in agriculture?**

- Incentives for first time farmers
- Farm Transfer/Mentor programs
- Current Programs vs. new programs
- SAE involvement to get students started

#### **3. With growing consumer concerns about animal welfare and sustainability, how can FFA members as well as farmers connect with food consumers to address these concerns?**

- Social media vs. in person events
- Combating the anti-agriculture movement
- Developing key messages

#### **4. The conversation surrounding mental health and stress management has been brought to light throughout the agriculture community over the past few years. How can FFA members help to stop the stigma surrounding the discussion around mental health and provide support for members?**

- Why does this stigma exist?
- What programs are available to help FFA members?
- How can the community support mental health initiatives?