KANSAS FFA DISCUSSION MEET

Sponsored & Facilitated by Kansas Farm Bureau

[Insert Mock Discussion Topic]

WHY?

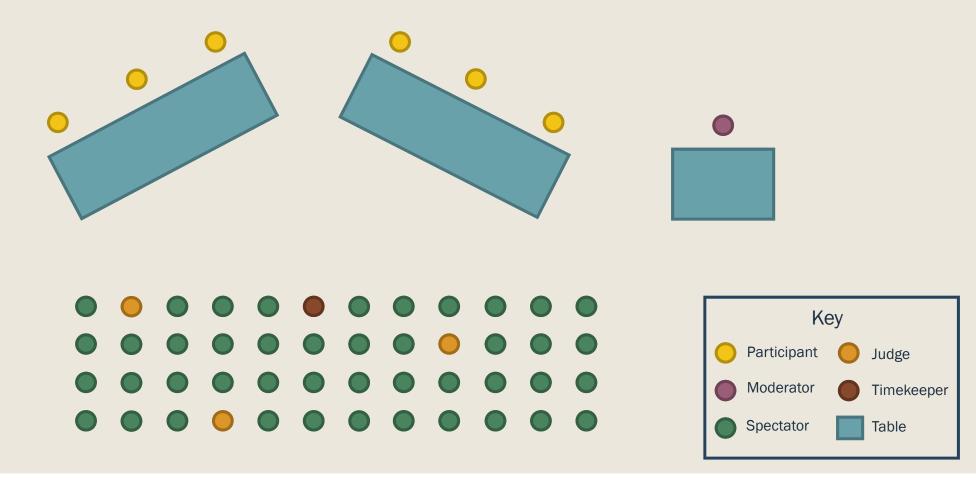
Why?

- Investment in students and future leaders.
 - Logical Thinking & Analysis Skills
 - Communication Skills prepared, conversational, extemporaneous
 - Problem Solving Skills
 - Conflict & Discourse Skills
 - Engage FFA members in conversations about important topics for today's agriculture industry
- Helps preserve a collaborative environment for the future of agriculture.
- Further builds pipeline from FFA to KFB membership.
- Encourages greater FFA chapter/county Farm Bureau relationships.

WHAT IS THE DISCUSSION MEET?

Individual Competition. Group Activity.

Competition Setup



Participants Demonstrate Ability To:

- Introduce the topic
- Analyze the problem
- Identify solutions
- Think critically
- Engage others effectively
- Summarize discussion accurately

What Will Students Talk About?

- Crops
- Livestock
- Natural Resources
- Ag Education
- FFA

Flow of Competition

- Welcome & Introduction by Moderator
- 30-Second Opening Statements by each Participant
- 15-Minute Discussion by Participants
- 1-Minute Silence for Development of Closing Statements
- 1-Minute Closing Statements by each Participant
- Dismissal of Judges to Tabulation Room
- Participant Self-Introductions
- Announcement of Next Round Topic

Rating Sheet

Kansas FFA Discussion Meet Rating Sheet

Write participants' names	Participant A	Participant B	Participant C	Participant D	Participant E	Participant F
according to where they are sitting using this diagram:						
OPENING STATEMENT (50 POINTS)	Total Points	Total Points	Total Points	Total Points	Total Points	Total Points
Demonstrate knowledge of the issue, causes and effects (25 pts)	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Show relevancy of issue and importance of finding solutions (25 pts)	/50	/50	/50	/50	/50	/50
ANALYSIS OF TOPIC OR PROBLEM (150 POINTS)	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Explore, define and understand the problem or need (50 pts)	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Identify the causes of the problem or need (50 pts)						
Stays on topic throughout the discussion (50 pts)	/150	/150	/150	/150	/150	/150
ANALYSIS RANK						
PROBLEM SOLVING & IMPLEMNTATION (200 POINTS)	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Identifying a variety of possible solutions (50 pts)	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Evaluating and comparing solutions for plausibility (50 pts)						
Test and project what appears to the be best solution(s) (50 pts)						
Identify ways FFA members can be involved in the solution (50 pts)	/200	/200	/200	/200	/200	/200
PROBLEM SOLVING RANK						
COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE (100 POINTS)	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Actively listen to other participants (25 pts)	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Ask pertinent questions (25 pts)						
Seek and appreciate differing points of view (25 pts)						
Show courtesy and respect for other participants (25 pts)	/100	/100	/100	/100	/100	/100
COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE RANK						
CLOSING STATEMENT (100 POINTS)	Total Points	Total Points	Total Points	Total Points	Total Points	Total Points
Summarize discussion in logical, accurate, organized manner (75 pts)	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Formulate realistic direction for the future (25 pts)	/100	/100	/100	/100	/100	/100
DELIVERY (100 POINTS)	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Voice quality, volume and enunciation (25 pts)	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
Desirability of sentence structure and word choice (25 pts)						
Professional appearance, poise while speaking and listening (25 pts)						
Initiative and confidence in communicating ideas (25 pts)	/100	/100	/100	/100	/100	/100
TOTAL SCORES (700 POINTS) Add the shaded boxes in each column.						
OVERALL PARTICIPANT RANK						

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PREPARING STUDENTS

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2.77	Rules & Resources:				
	• FFA Discussion Meet Leadership	Development Event Rules			
	 Rating Sheet 				
	• 2019-2020 Topics				
	• 2019-2020 Topic Resources				
	• 2016-2017 State FFA Discussion Meet I	Final Video			
	 Principles of Cooperative Discuss 	sion Lesson Plan			
	• Tips for Preparing for Competiti	on			
	• Student Prep Worksheets & Acti	vities			
	 Local/Mock Discussion Meet Resource 	rces			
	 Competition Checklist 				
	 Setup Diagram 				
	 Competition Script for Moder 	ator/Timekeeper			
	 Individual Score & Feedback F 	orm			
	 Results Worksheet 				
2	2019-2020 Competition Dates:				
	East Central: TBA				
	North Central: TBA				
	Northeast: TBA				
	Northwest: March 13, Colby				
	 South Central: February 12, Udall 				

Topic Resources

Kansas FFA

Discussion Meet Leadership Development Event

2019-2020 Topic Resources

CROP: Kansas is home to twelve ethanol plants which produce nearly a billion gallons of renewable, clean burning ethanol fuel and distillers grains. How can FFA members educate young people and their communities about the economic and environmental benefits of ethanol and promote the adoption and use of year-round E-15 sales?

- https://www.agweb.com/article/epa-told-to-initiate-process-to-allow-summertime-e15-sales/
- https://www.agcanada.com/daily/expanding-e15-sales-would-have-limited-u-s-market-impact-analysts-say
- https://kscorn.com/ethanol/
- https://www.fueledbvkansas.com/
- http://www.ncga.com/news-and-resources/news-stories/article/2018/10/ncga-welcomes-year-round-e15
- http://www.ncga.com/topics/ethanol/e15-resources
- http://www.ncga.com/topics/ethanol/ethanols-economic-impact

LIVESTOCK: Products like cell-based meat have demonstrated the food system is rapidly changing. How can emerging and future food technologies be integrated into modern agricultural production without hampering the success of traditional products and the farmers and ranchers who grow them?

- https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/lab-grown-meat-is-in-your-future-and-it-may-be-healthier-than-the-real-stuff/2016/05/02/aa893f34-e630-11e5-a6f3-21ccdbc5f74e story.html?noredirect=on&utm term=.8e4c94a4228b
- http://kticradio.com/agricultural/montana-bill-would-distinguish-real-from-lab-grown-meat/
- https://agfundernews.com/what-do-farmers-think-about-cultured-meat.html
- https://www.ernaehrungs-umschau.de/fileadmin/Ernaehrungs-

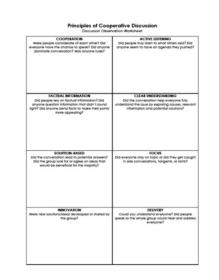
Principles of Cooperative Discussion

A lesson plan for agricultural education teachers to use for:

- Leadership development (critical thinking, active listening, collaboration, etc.)
- Discussing hot topics in agriculture
- Introducing the Discussion Meet

A lesso	Principles of Cooperative Discussion on plan for agriculture education teachers to introduce the FFA Discussion Meet
Lesson Obi	
	erve and identify constructive and destructive traits of group dynamics.
	tily individual needs for improvement.
	y existing and new knowledge to realistic group discussions.
 Prac 	fice critical thinking of agricultural issues.
	duce concepts of the FFA Discussion Meet and recruit participants for the district petition.
Materials/R	
	k Discussion Meet Participant Cards – one card per student for half of class ussion Observation Worksheet – one per student
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topic	
Guided Pro	octice:
Activity 1 In:	
	the class into two groups.
	Group A: pass out the mock discussion meet stance cards. This group will
	participate in a discussion about an assigned topic and play the role described on their stance card. Fifteen unique cards are available, but the teacher can
	on their stance card. Inteen unique cards are available, but the teacher can choose which cards to use based on the size of their classroom.
	Group 8: pass out the discussion observation worksheet. These students will
	observe the conversation and make notes according to the categories on the
	form. Group A should not know what topics are on the observation form.
	<u>Floaterist</u> : Select 1-2 students to be group floaters. They will participate in the
	group discussion in both activity 1 and activity 2. The floater should be given the
	"Be Yourself" card for Activity 1.
	reveryone understands the activity, give Group A 10 minutes to discuss planning as oming FFA activity (FFA Week, a fundraiser, a service project, etc.).
Activity 1 De	delet
	wing the discussion, ask Group B to describe what they observed category by
	goy.
	Cooperation:
	Were people considerate of each other? Did even one have the chance to speak?
	Did averyone have the chance to speak? Did anyone dominate convenation?
	Was anyone rude?
	Active Listening:
	Did people truy listen to what others said? Did gryone seem to have an agenda they pushed?
	Factual information:
	Did people rely on factual information?
	 Did anyone question information that didn't sound right?
	 Did anyone bend facts to make their points more appealing?
	Clear Understanding: Did the convenation help everyone fully understand the Issue by exploring cause relevant information and potential solutions?

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CONSTANTS RESEASCH REPOSMATION OR IDEAS ON YOUR PRODUCT AND ADD THEM TO THE CONVESTATION ANY TIME YOU SET SOMETHING THAT COULD BE HELPFUL.	ANTIME YOU CAN, TELL A STORT THAT SOMEWHAT PELATES TO THE TOPIC OF CONTREASION [MAKE UP STORIES IF YOU HAVE TO]
COMPRIALLY STEES THE CONVESSATION EACK TO WHAT HAS SEED DONE IN THE PAIL." THE HOST TO LET ANY YEAR DEAS GARL BACKDON BY THE DISCUSSION	THE GROUP SHOULD NOT DO MHAT IT HAS DONE IN THE PAIT - OFFER HERE DEAL AND ASS OTHERS MHAT CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY SO THE GROUP CAN IMPROVE FOR THE NUTURE
TALK BRACTLY 3 TIMES - NO MORE, NO LIESS	TALK AS MUCH AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN
TALK GRAY CHICE	DO HOTTALK AT ALL
DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO CHET CHE SIDE OF THE CIRCUP	AT SOME POINT TRY TO HAVE A SIDE CONVENATION WITH THE PERSON STEND HERT TO YOU
PICK SOMEONE IN THE GROUP AND THY TO INTERLIPT THEM AT LEAST 3 TIMES.	ETABLISH YOURSELF AS THE OROUP LEADER AND TAKE CHARGE OF THE CONVERSATION.



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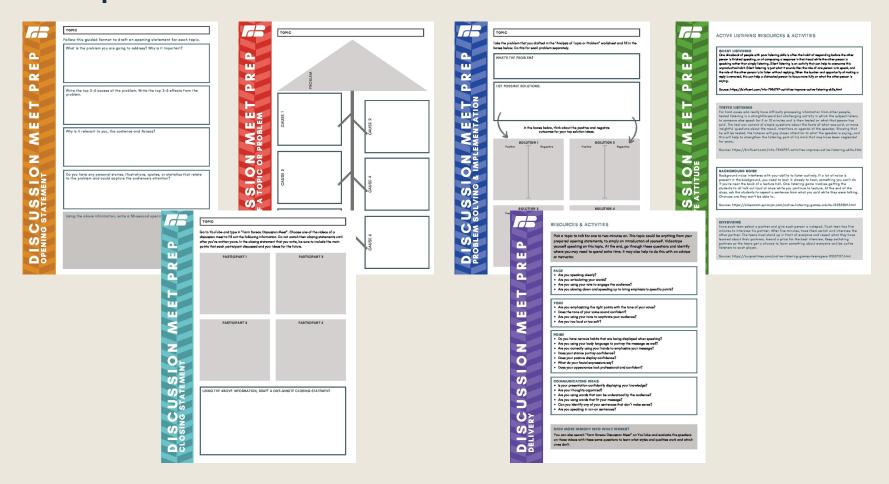
Preparation Tips

How to Prepare for the FFA Discussion Meet

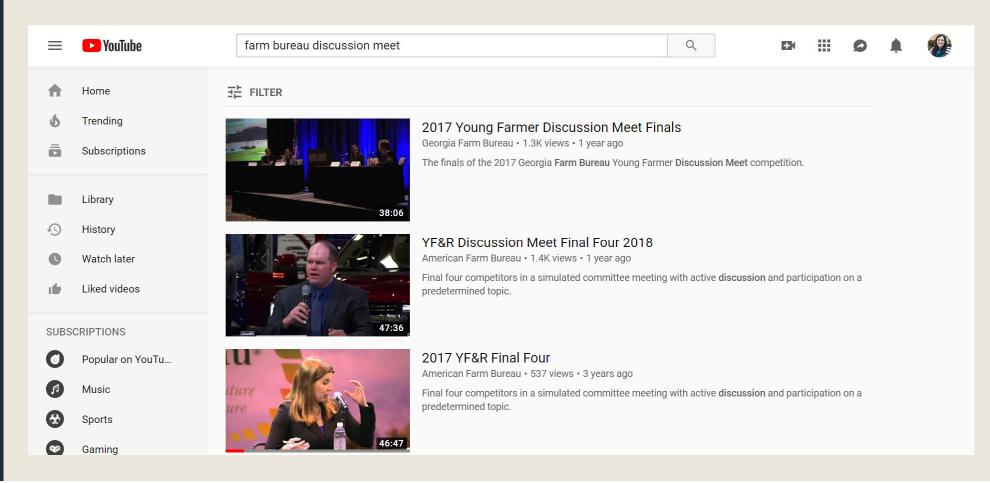
If you're new to the Discussion Meet, here are some tips for how to prepare for success.

- Research Topics review the five topics you may be asked to discuss. Use the topic resources, your own research, your advisor, local farmers and community experts to help you understand the issues and potential solutions for each topic.
- Talking Points while the discussion should happen without agenda, come up with
 two or three talking points you feel comfortable initiating and expanding on to help drive
 the conversation.
- 3. Opening Statement develop and memorize a 30 second opening statement. Having confidence in how you'll start the competition will allow you to feel at ease through the rest of the competition. You can't bring notes to the table, but you can prepare your statement ahead of time and be ready to shine.
- 4. **Have Conversations** ask your peers, county Farm Bureau members or other knowledgeable people in your community to spend time discussing the topics, or other issues with you so you can practice active listening, accurate summarization of the conversation and cooperative behavior.
- 5. **Have Fun & Learn** no matter the result of the competition, remember that learning about issues in agriculture and developing an ability to effectively converse with others will ultimately be more valuable than a medal

Preparation Worksheets & Activities



Past Competition Videos



Mock Discussion Meet Individual Score & Feedback Form

POINTS		STRENGTHS	NEEDS IMP
Opening Statement (50 POINTS)	Total Pts		
Demonstrate knowledge of the issue, causes and effects (25 pts)	/25 pts		
Show relevancy of issue and importance of finding solutions (25 pts)	/25 pts		
Analysis of Topic or Problem (150 POINTS)	Total Pts		
Explore, define and understand the problem or need (50 pts)	/50pts		
dentify the causes of the problem or need (50pts)	/50 pts		
Stays on topic throughout the discussion (50 pts)	/50pts		
Problem Solving & Implementation (200 POINTS)	Total Pts		
dentifying a variety of possible solutions (50 pts)	/50pts		
Evaluating and comparing solutions for plausibility (50pts)	/50 pts		
Test and project what appears to be the best solution(s) (50 pts)	/50pts		
Identify ways FFA members can be involved in the solution (50 pts)	/50 pts		
Cooperative Attitude (100 POINTS)	Total Pts		
Actively listen to other participants (25 pts)	/25pts		
Ask pertinent questions (25pts)	/25 pts		
Seek and appreciate differing points of view (25 pts)	/25pts		
Show courtesy and respect for other participants (25 pts)	/25 pts		
Closing Statement (100 POINTS)	Total Pts		
Demonstrate knowledge of the issue, causes and effects (25 pts)	/50 pts		
Show relevancy of issue and importance of finding solutions (25 pts)	/50 pts		
Delivery (100 POINTS)	Total Pts		
Voice quality, volume and enunciation (25 pts)	/25pts		
Desirability of sentence structure and word choice (25pts)	/25 pts		
Professional appearance, poise while speaking and listening (25 pts)	/25pts		
Show courtesy and respect for other participants (25 pts)	/25 pts		
TOTAL OVERALL SCORE (700 POINTS)			
OTHER IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS			Round: Rooi
			Overall Rank: 1 2 3
			Problem Solving Ran
			Analysis Rank: 1 2
			Cooperative Rank: 1

Discussion Meet Competition Checklist
Resources Per Competition Room:
4-6 competitors Moderator Timekeeper (can be combined with the moderator responsibilities if volunteers are limited) 3 Judges 2 Scripts (one for moderator, one for timekeeper) 3 Individual Score & Feedback Forms per Competitor (if using the rating sheet for official competitions, you'll just need one per judge) Stopwatch (can use timer on phone, if placed in airplane mode) Red Card Yellow Card Yellow Table Tent Competitor Name Cards Ensure the room is properly set using the seating diagram.
In addition to the competition room(s), you'll need a tabulation room where judges can finalize their score and feedback forms and the competition chair can organize results. The following resources are helpful in the tabulation room: 1 Competition Chair 1 Co

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Mock Discussion Meet Results Worksheet

Round:

Participant	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total

Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total
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	Judge 1	Judge 1 Judge 2	Judge 1 Judge 2 Judge 3

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3.		
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Participant	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3

Participant	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total
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	_	_	_	_

Tie Breaker 3: Cooperative Rank

Participant	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total

LOCAL/MOCK COMPETITION **RESOURCES**

Q & A

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2019-2020 Competition Dates:

East Central: TBA North Central: TBA Northeast: TBA

Northwest: March 13, Colby South Central: February 12, Udall Southeast: March 25, Independence Southwest: January 8, Garden City

State:

Round Robin Competition: May 4, Manhattan Final Four Announcement: May 5, Manhattan

Final Four Competition and Awards: May 28, Manhattan

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