



Maryland Farm Bureau Young Farmers

Saturday, December 2, 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

11:30 AM – What is Discussion Meet (DM)? The Clarion Hotel

- *Sample DM videos from AFBF Competitions featuring opening and closing statements and mock discussion*

12:15 PM – Lunch The Clarion Hotel

1:00 PM – Breakout Session #1 The Clarion Hotel

- *Colby Ferguson, Maryland Farm Bureau Government Relations, will speak to answering Question #5: “How can Farm Bureau help members with increasing legal and regulatory obstacles so they can focus on farming and ranching?”*

2:45 PM – Break The Clarion Hotel

3:00 PM – Breakout Session #2 The Clarion Hotel

- *Panelists (William Layton, Director, US Soybean, Jason Scott, US Wheat, Past Chairman and Ryan Bennett, National Milk Producers Federation are confirmed) discuss and provide insight on DM Question #2: “With a growing demand for US farm products abroad, how can agriculture overcome public skepticism of foreign trade to negotiate new trade agreements and open new world markets?”*

4:15 PM – Round 1 of Discussion Meet* The Clarion Hotel

6:00 PM – Dinner & YF Mixer BJs on the Water Restaurant

- *Join the Maryland Young Farmers for dinner at BJs on the Water for fun and fellowship. There will also be Young Farmer Trivia as entertainment for the evening.*

Final Discussion Meet question will be Question #1: “Farmers are a shrinking percentage of the population. How can Farm Bureau help first-generation farmers and ranchers get started in agriculture?”

**Round 1 of Discussion Meet may include more than four people to a table with more allotted time depending on how many people wish to participate. Please be flexible with Round 1 of Discussion Meet as we will have to try and accommodate depending on member participation, which is hard to plan for.*