

## Discussion Meet Topics

1. How does the public perception of American farmers and ranchers affect agriculture?
  - Profile of a farmer and rancher
  - Stereotype pros and cons
  - Perception of corporate/family operation
  - Consequences of public perceptions of those outside of the U.S.
  
2. Do educational programs improve the public perception of agriculture?
  - 4H, FFA
  - Ag in the Classroom
  - Direct/Indirect effects
  - Educating the correct audience
  - Degree programs in Agriculture
  
3. Where will tomorrow's agriculture work force come from?
  - Legality
  - Compensation
  - Manual labor as well as skilled labor
  - Effect of H2A workers
  
4. What risk does agri-terrorism pose to national security?
  - Sustained food supply
  - Production, processing, record keeping, transportation
  - Economic responsibility

*--These topics will be used for the Colorado Farm Bureau competition at the State Annual Meeting November 18-20 in Denver. The same topics will be used at the American Farm Bureau Federation's competition in Nashville, TN, January 8-11, 2006.*