

## YFA Contests

### Discussion Meet

The YFA Discussion Meet is where young farmers and agriculturists participate in a discussion of current agriculture issues and challenges. The discussion panelists discuss and seek to develop realistic and workable solutions each year. Annually, district contests are held with three finalists competing in the state contest at the YFA Conference/Annual Meeting. The state winner competes in the American Farm Bureau's Discussion Meet contest in January.



### Achievement Award

YFA participants in this contest must earn a majority of their income from on-farm operations. Contestants fill out an application which is judged on the management and leadership skills demonstrated by the applicants. The final four are interviewed by a panel of judges during the YFA Conference/Annual Meeting. The state winner competes in the American Farm Bureau's Achievement Award in January.



### Excellence in Agriculture Award

YFA participants in this contest must earn a majority of their income from an off-farm enterprise or career. Contestants fill out an application which is judged on the leadership involvement in Farm Bureau, civic organizations and their ability to use their leadership skills to find solutions to challenges for Farm Bureau and agriculture. The final four contestants give a PowerPoint presentation and answer questions from a panel of judges during the YFA Conference/Annual Meeting. The state winner competes in the American Farm Bureau's Excellence in Agriculture Award contest in January.



## Collegiate Farm Bureau

The first Wisconsin collegiate Farm Bureau was formed in 2010 on the UW-Madison campus. It was started because students desired to have their voice heard on agricultural issues and policies. In 2012, UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls established collegiate Farm Bureaus.



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## What is YFA?

The Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) program is for Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35. It provides members with an opportunity to hone their leadership skills while networking with their peers. Many of the young farmers and agriculturists who have participated in the program have gone on to become active county, state and national Farm Bureau leaders, as well as respected leaders in their communities.



## State YFA Committee

A committee of young farmers and agriculturists (one individual or couple from each of the nine districts) work together to plan, organize and conduct activities to get young farmers and agriculturists acquainted with and actively engaged in Farm Bureau.



## Why Should I Get Involved?

### County and District YFA Opportunities

Each county offers opportunities for young farmers and agriculturists to become involved. District meetings and social activities are held throughout the year to actively engage YFA members with social and networking events, personal and professional development opportunities along with advocacy training and leadership experience.

**Examples include: Social Outings, Bus Tours and Educational Workshops**



### YFA Washington, D.C. Trip

Young farmers and agriculturists are chosen for this trip based on their participation in YFA contests, events and activities. This five-day trip to our nation's capitol introduces YFA members to the important role our national government has in establishing agricultural policy and regulations. Participants receive briefings at American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), USDA and a foreign embassy. They also tour the U.S. Capitol, memorials and monuments, meet with Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation and have a free day for sight-seeing. Each participant pays a small fee, with the remaining costs picked up by Wisconsin Farm Bureau and their county Farm Bureau.



### YFA Conference

The YFA Conference is held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in December. This is an opportunity for YFA members from around the state to gather for social sharing and networking, to gain personal growth, leadership development and increased knowledge of current and future agriculture issues through quality speakers and workshop presenters, and to celebrate the accomplishments of individual YFA contest winners and county YFA programs.



### Member Benefits

Wisconsin Farm Bureau offers benefits and services to its members, covering a range of options that respond to the needs of farmers, families and businesses in Wisconsin.

**Auto, Health, Protection, Communication,  
Supplies and Products,  
Financial, Insurance,  
and Travel**

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member  
benefits

