

DISCUSSION MEET QUESTIONS for 2010 NYS FFA CONVENTION

- 1) How can agriculture producers reach out to the public to gain their support on important issues impacting agriculture?**

Feedstuffs Foodlink

<http://feedstufffoodlink.com/ME2/default.asp>

Animal Care and Well-Being: Facts not Fiction

<http://www.animalagriculture.org/proceedings/2008AMProceedings.asp>

Conversations on Care

<http://www.conversationsoncare.com/about-us.aspx>

Your Agriculture

<http://fb.org/index.php?fuseaction=yourag.home>

Advocates for Ag

<http://advocatesforag.com/>

<http://www.advocatesforag.blogspot.com/>

Animal Welfare bibliography

http://www.agmrc.org/markets_industries/food/animal_rights_and_welfare.cfm

- 2) The U.S. has the safest food supply in the world. How do farmers continue to improve the public's perception of their products?**

Know Your End Users Top Producer magazine, September 2008

<http://www.agweb.com/TopProducer/article.aspx?id=145421>

Food Safety/Security

Feedstuffs Foodlink

<http://tinyurl.com/9o9ttk>

Organic Foods

Feedstuffs Foodlink

<http://tinyurl.com/9vgtcn>

Phytosanitary Regulations Shape Fruit and Vegetable Trade Patterns

USDA, Amber Waves, April 2008

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/AmberWaves/April08/DataFeature?>

Center for food Integrity

<http://www.foodintegrity.org/index.php>

3) What can be done to encourage young people to get involve in the agricultural industry and remain there?

Top producer online -Young Farmer program seminar
<http://www.agweb.com/topproducer/YoungFarmer.aspx>

Don't Wait for dad Top producer Jan. 2008
<http://www.agweb.com/topproducer/article.aspx?id=140730>

Beginning Farmer Center-Resources to help our next generation of farmers
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/bfc/programs.html#farm%20On>
online publications
<http://www.extension.isstate.edu/bfc/pubs.html>

Food industry MarketMaker
MarketMaker is a national partnership of land grant institutions and state departments of Agriculture dedicated to the development of a comprehensive interactive data base of food industry marketing and business data. It is currently one of the most extensive collections of searchable food industry related data in the country. All the information can be mapped and queried by the user
<http://national.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/>

Agricultural Marketing Recourse Center
http://www.agmrc.org/markets_industries/

Farmers for the Future: Two farms in one
Crops, livestock, and sightseers complement each other on this Indiana farm
Successful Farming Dec. 2008
<http://www.agriculture.com/ag/story.jhtml?storyid=templatedata/ag/story/data/1228514178258.xml>

What are the skills of Financially Successful Farmers?
Http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/topfarmer/newsletter/tfcw12_2008.pdf

Top Farmer Crop Resources on the web
<http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/topfarmer/recourses.asp>

4) How can we continue to bridge the gap between farmers/ranchers and lawmakers in order to have an influence in the changing political environment?

Farmers are Engaging Consumers in a new way
<http://www.fb.org/index.php?fuseaction=newsroom.agenda>