**Thoughts and Starters**

*Meaningful Conversation about Food and Farming*

* What do you do?
* What does a day look like on your calendar?
* How did you get started farming/ranching?
* Describe your farm/ranch operation. Is it just family, or do you hire workers?
* If you hire workers, how do you choose the best fit for your farm?
* Why do you choose to grow or raise what you’re growing?
* How do you choose how to grow or raise it?
* Describe the process of what you grow or raise from farm to plate – and where are you/your farm in that timeline?
* Do you utilize biotechnology? How? Why?
* Do you farm differently from your grandparents? If so, how?
* If you use chemicals or antibiotics – tell me why.
* What do you wish would be different in agriculture?
* As a/an (INSERT KEY INFLUENCER GROUP HERE), how can I help you tell the story of agriculture?

\*Some questions used and/or adapted from: Payn-Knoper, M. (2013). *No more food fights!: Growing a productive farm & food conversation*. Indianapolis, IN: Dog Ear Publishing.