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Question1: I would like to comment that the CRP program is a definite negative as far as new farmers go. It takes land out of production that new farmers would like to make use of. The no-till concept of farming makes it possible to farm land in a sustainable way that is just as ecologically friendly as anything that CRP has to offer. CRP is a terrible program and uses money that could be much better used in other ways. I for one vote that it not be included in the new program.

Question2: I don't think we need to hang our heads in shame for past efforts in this field. Quality of product and price have always been competitive. At least I think that. I do think that government should have some safety net under prices to make sure of aricultures's servival and the nations food supply.

Question3: It is true that past programs have tended to make farms get larger at the expense of family farms. I do think there should be caps on the size of federal payments made to big operations.

Question4: I would like to here again make the point that the CRP is not the grand environmental program it is touted to be. Farmers know how to farm in a sustainable way and if all did it then the benifits would apply to all the soil rather than just that part which the government pays rent on (CRP). Government programs should encourage that happening.

Question5: The important thing here is to devise programs to guarantee our nations food supply. New technologies are not necessarily the answer, new techniques maybe.

Question6: Efforts should be made to expand the production of biodiesel and ethanol. It is too bad that we are paying to take land out of production (CRP) when all efforts should be made to raise energy crops. The new farm plan should in some way recognize these things.