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Question1: A major contributing factor in record land prices in rural America is the land exchange program. Investors from the west coast for instance are selling small parcels of commercial real estate and purchasing large parcels of ag real estate at inflated prices to avoid income tax consequences. I see this subject hurting young producers more than any. This program of land exchange needs to be amended to promote ag land purchases by young agricultural producers.

Question2: The U.S. is obviously a very efficient country for agricultural production. We need to use our own products before importing other countries goods into ours.

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Question4: The continuation of the CRP program is a must for our country to maintain ground water quality and overall environmental quality. In the event current CRP acres would be put into production, the environmental consequences would be huge. Conservation is the key to our future and the CRP program as well as other conservation programs MUST be maintained.

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