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Question1: Dairy Farmers for example have had the same basic milk prices \$12/cwt. since 1980. Then in late 2002 we received 1960's prices \$9.50/cwt. average. Dairy farming takes a lot of money to get started and with no price raise for milk from the farm you are not going to attract new farmers!!! Store prices are \$3 to \$4 a gallon and cheese is \$4 to \$5 a pound. Yet the farm price is still the same. Until you address the prices received on the farm you will not attract new farmers. In the next 5 to 10 years you have a huge problem, the average age of farmers is around 56 and they are going to leave the industry with no replacements. Who wants to work this hard and not get paid! We have less than 65,000 dairies in this country and some reports I have read say we will have only 30,000 by 2015. Do we really want to import a perishable item like milk from other countries?? Also do we really want bigger dairies concentrated in the west? Talk about easy agroterror targets! Animal welfare is not good in large dairies either.

Question2: Why do we import \$700 million to \$800 million in more in dairy products than we export and then the USDA says we produce too much milk???? If we have a surplus than why are we importing so much?? The USDA needs to do more to market U.S. Ag products around the world. Food for oil could work out for us and lets say Iraq.

Question3: Well for one thing Ted Turner and others that are not getting over half their income from the farm should not receive USDA payments.

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