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Question1: I think that a truly free market should be the goal, without excessive taxes and subsidies. A limited tax credit for small organic and natural farmers may be a good idea as an interim measure, but policies should be geared toward weaning farmers off of taxpayer subsidies. This will create a more vibrant and robust farm economy, with lower-priced and healthier foods.

Question2: We should stop pushing or subsidizing food products (such as GMOs) that overwhelming numbers of consumers in other countries do not want. Instead, free farmers from excessive taxes and subsidies. Freedom to Farm was a valid concept, but we need to reduce subsidies and not increase them. If farmers need help, help them without distorting markets. Then we can integrate much better into the world economy, also by restoring sound money (such as the gold standard). The Euro is already partly backed in gold, so we need to move in that direction. Free-market policies will benefit everyone.

Question3: We should clearly not be oversubsidizing mega-agriculture -- this only increases the gap between rich and poor, and hurts the environment. Offer limited "seed corn" tax incentives to smaller organic and natural farmers. Those concerns will take off in a strong direction, because growing numbers of consumers are choosing healthier foods. They just need a small boost to make prices more comparable.

Question4: I think that taxes should be increased on toxic farm chemicals, and then use that money to clean up the environment. Tax credits for natural farm products (like bt) would also help. Encourage better land practices. If one tree is cut down, at least one more should be planted. Common sense reforms to allow better stewardship would be a very wise idea. We should also encourage better water conservation through free market pricing and decentralized ownership.

Question5: Keep as much money as possible in the hands of the people -- reduce taxes and federal spending. Instead of continually subsidizing corn and soybeans, phase out those subsidies and allow farmers to switch to more profitable crops. Otherwise it seems like too many farmers are literally locked into poverty. Organic and herb farming (and plants for landscaping) are potentially more lucrative markets. So encourage them in a responsible way.

Question6: Taxpayers should not be subsidizing research that mainly benefits large corporations. We should concentrate our efforts on making nutrition the main preventive thrust of health. Tax credits and comparable incentives to convert pharmaceutical companies into nutraceutical makers, may be warranted. Biofuels like ethanol and soy diesel are great, but with gasoline at three dollars per gallon, why not phase out the subsidies? ADM does not need taxpayer funds; indeed, it only rewards its rapacious behavior. Let's set the ag market free in a vibrant and transparent environment!