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Question1: Make low rate long term loans more readily available but require that all loans be paid back.

Question2: Support immigrants that are willing to work on the farm and help produce crops. They need to be paid minimum wage, possibly more and be well treated. Immigrants have always been the ones that helped this effort and we need to continue supporting them.

Question3: Forest land owners have been very unfairly treated in the distribution of farm program benefits. Private forest lands provide more environmental benefits enjoyed by the general public than any other land use. The past farm bills have categorically excluded forestry or USDA and the Administration has failed to support private forest land issues. FLEP is an excellent example of Farm Bill giveth, USDA and Administration taketh away. None of the existing Agriculture programs provide equitable treatment of forest lands compared to any other land use. The US either needs to decide to fully support private forest lands throughout the US or abandon them and the clean air, clean water, wildlife, carbon sequestration, aesthetics, wood supply, etc that these lands provide and let the lands go to the highest bidder, home sites.

Question4: Landowners should be fully compensated for the ecological benefits provided by private lands, particularly private forest lands.

Compensation would have to be enough to encourage the land to not be developed for non-natural resource uses. If these kinds of payments are to be made, landowners should be paid on the benefits they provide, but not paid if they are a cause of erosion or environmental damage.

Question5: Forestry is an excellent example of where the US needs to invest in infrastructure. There needs to be a viable productive use of all the wood that is not currently being managed or harvested because of loss of infrastructure. Biomass utilization is another area that needs financial help. Producing fuels from crops and trees should be foremost for development in the US.

Question6: A stable and fair market needs to be developed by USDA for all crops, biomass, wood, etc. Expertise is needed to help markets develop the best method for utilizing products and making money.