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Question1: Reducing payment limits and making the caps "harder" is critical to reducing the unintended consequences mentioned. Since program benefits are capitalized into land prices (and rents)and only about 40% of the farmland in Iowa is owned by the operator, perhaps 60% of program payments do not benefit producers at all.

Question2:

Question3: Reducing payment limits would be a good first step, but, fundamentally, I'm in favor of supporting people in need, not specific industries. Wealthy farmers should not be getting farm program benefits...and neither should poor farmers.

Question4: Reducing program benefits alone, including insurance subsidies, would do much to take environmentally sensitive land--which is often marginally productive--out of production.

As a good second choice, making a closer linkage between program benefits and conservation practices would be an excellent idea.

Question5:

Question6: