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Question1: I am a 25 year old farmer in East Central Indiana and recently applied for and was accepted for a young farmer loan program, allowing my wife and I to purchase our first 135 acres. The major factor, besides qualifying for the loan, was having a willing seller that was patient enough to work with a young farmer.

!Continue efforts to link entering and exiting farmers!

Question2: Successful competition begins with a solid product and develops through marketing. The US should help enable grain originators and processors to market and channel value enhanced products to regions throughout the world. In other words, put product development in contact with profile customers.

Question3: If program benefits are to enhance farm prices and incomes, associate payments with revenue sources rather than costs. Land is a production resource and cost. Direct payments create a stable, predictable and thus pass through earnings (bid into rent.)

Remove direct payments, increase price support (ldp, counter cyclical) and producer level incentive programs such as EQUIP.

Question4: Encourage carbon trading on a global level, possibly subsidizing.

Producers can choose their commitment to environmental stewardship (within legal restraints) and achieve greater benefits by "selling" the value of improved stewardship to willing buyers. In fact, the government could buy carbon credits to increase the equation on the side of carbon production! THAT IS A GREAT THOUGHT THAT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

Question5: Enable individual farmers to host "field days" that educate and encourage harmonious rural lifestyles between farm and non-farm rural citizens.

cost share field day?

Question6: Research grants could enable development of new products and initial marketing.