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Question1: Priority should be given to family farms rather than to corporate farms.

Question2: I hope that we help the small people rather than big business. We need to realize that family farmers in the rest of the world need to make it also in this global economy. Subsidies that artificially lower the price hurt the family farmers in 3rd world countries.

Question3: One of the most serious threats to the PA environment is the loss of farmland to suburban sprawl & other land uses. We need to remember to conserve natural resources. Subsidies should be compatible with global markets. Funding for commodity programs should be shifted to programs that reward farmers for their conservation efforts without distorting global markets.

Question4: Pollutants such as excess sediment & nutrients enter PA waterways through agricultural runoff. They compromise our aquatic ecosystems and weaken our fisheries. Farmers in PA face growing challenges meeting the requirements of nutrient management plans, especially in areas where soils are saturated with phosphorus. The health of our streams & fisheries depends on strong Farm Bill conservation. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), & the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), require increased funding to reduce our nutrient & sediment contributions to local streams & downstream waters such as the Chesapeake Bay. Currently 4 out of 5 farmers who wish to participate in federal agricultural conservation programs cannot because of insufficient funding to meet the demand.

Question5: I would like to see rural America not become sprawl which is a big problem.

Question6: We need to work on stopping erosion and keeping the soil rich for those who come after us. We currently use far too many chemicals.