

From: "jorja68@msn.com%inter2" <jorja68@msn.com>
Subject: Farm Bill 2007 Official Comments - 08/15/2005 03:32 PM CDT
Date Sent: 08/15/2005 03:32:12 CDT
Date Received: 08/15/2005 03:33:44 CDT

Email: jorja68@msn.com

FirstName: Jorja

LastName: Cummings

Address1: 408 Lamont ST

Address2:

City: Johnson City

State: Tennessee

zipcode: 37604

Question1: I believe that the pushing out of small family farms by large multinational corporations is a threat to our farm culture here in the US and we need to insure against agricultural monopolies. I believe that small farms focusing on sustainable agriculture i.e., organic farming and permaculture projects where companion-planting and livestock wastes are incorporated to reduce dependence on chemical pesticides and fertilizers that harm the soil's productivity in the long run, should be supported and receive subsidies and whatever is needed to make these practices more competitive.

Question2: I believe that US products will be most competitive when we focus on quality as well as quantity. We need organic, natural, non GMO produce available at affordable costs. We also need to invest more in biofuels which is a huge market waiting to emerge. Investing in biofuels will strengthen our farmers and our national security as a whole as we decrease our dependence on foreign oil and yet continue to protect our natural places from oil exploration and further coal production.

Question3: Large corporations that are making millions of dollars in profit should not be recipient of government funds. The recent energy bill that was passed gave away huge amounts of our tax dollars to energy conglomerates that are making billions of dollars in profit while working Americans are struggling to cope with rising oil costs. This is what i'm talking about. Use our tax dollars in ways that will assist working Americans and not as give aways to the large corporations.

Question4: SUPPORT ORGANIC, SUSTAINABLE FARM PRACTICES!!! Although these practices may not be as "efficient" as far as time and labor are concerned, they will ensure the health and viability of our farm lands, our water, and our air. Reduce dependence on the petro-chemical products that our large, monoculture farm industry is dependent on. Support the use of biofuels.

Question5: BioFuel co-ops. We could be creating our own local energy infrastructure where small farmers can bring their crops that will be converted into biofuels that can supply the energy needs of Americas and revitalize small family farms.

Question6: Organic farming and biofuels should be top priority. Organic farming produces a better quality product as well as protects our soil viability, water purity and air quality for a better quality of life for all and preservation of those valuable resources for the future. Renewable energy and biofuels will reduce our dependence on petro-chemicals and increases our domestic security as well as being necessary to maintain our ecological balance within the natural cycles of the earth.