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Question1: Fruit and vegetable flexibility is needed. Land owner base should not be denied for planting of fruits and vegetables. An acre-for-acre reduction of the subsidy on base acres should not result in loss of base acres for future participation in farm programs.

Question2: Farmers should be allowed to plant and harvest whatever they can efficiently produce to compete in the world market place. 2002 farm policy skews our ability to meet and change with market demands. Subsidies skew the market place and keep US farmers locked into low commodity prices.

Question3: Move away from the subsidy system.

Question4: Remove planting restrictions which have frozen growers onto specific acres. This has caused increased use of chemicals. Rotation is key to reduction of chemical use. Many fruit and vegetable crops require 5 year rotation.

Question5: Basic infrastructure assistance for utility construction is most effective and productive.

Question6: First, eliminate restrictions the 2002 Farm Bill contains for specialty crops. Fund R&D through University settings.