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Question1:

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Question4: Modifying the current general CRP program by reversing the sliding rental rates scale so that poorer ground would receive higher payments would help conservation in several ways. It would encourage farmers to take ground that shouldn't be farmed out of production. Simultaneously, this would prevent an inadvertent increases in private land rental rates due to government programs (the government would pay more on poorer ground and less on better ground). Conversely, farmers wouldn't want to farm poor ground and would pay less for said ground and pay more for better ground. This would result in a non-competative arrangement between active farmers and the government. Furthermore, it would improve water quality by substantially reducing soil erosion from land that is very highly erodible. Added benefits from CRP ground are more wildlife due to more habitat cover and more money going into the economy from hunters, bird watchers, ....

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