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Question1: Forget "Welfare payments", the loan program, with higher support levels is all that is necessary. Basic protection is all that is needed, set a \$2.97 loan rate for corn and \$5.95 for beans (for examples of two crops supported) and forget all other parts of the program. The simpler it is to write the program, the better it will be.¹

Question2: After the loan prices are set, the government can set prices for exports overseas at any level they choose, it would be their grain to sell, and they could grant aid to hungry nations and protect emerging nations as the need arises.

Question3: Set loan amounts at a decent amount, and producers will be fairly compensated for their production.

Question4: CRP programs can be continued on lands considered fragile by local Department of Natural Resources departments. Seperate conservancy districts are already in place in many areas to provide local decisions on fragile lands, and they should be supported.

Question5: Set loan rates at a higher level than presently, and these concerns will be met.

Question6: The processers of farm production, both plant and animal, not the producer, should pay check-off dollars. It is the processer that benefits most from any marketing programs.