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Question1: Limit payments. It is not marked in stone land is worth one thousand or two thousand or three thousand dollars per acre. Land is only worth what it will net produce from it. Government subsidies are definitely a part of that profit and figured into land worth or value. As evidenced when a parcel of land is sold or rented out a paper is given stating bases & yields, relating to government income. The only purpose government subsidies serve are hold land values up for wealthy land lords and making this guaranteed return attractive to investors. Driving up land values driving up cost of production. Agriculture has and is enjoying a high inflationary period as evidenced by sky rocketing land prices and the fierce competition for farm land and its return. It is time for a correction in farm land prices, values. Lower land prices would lower the cost of production for the actual food crop producer. Which what are we concerned about food production or wealth and income of land owners, investors and banks? Farmland should be left to the farmer producers and leave the investors OUT. Subsidies also create loopholes by the large farmers and their lawyers. FHA beginning farmer loans should be means tested as with determining eligibility for student college loans and grants. If the parents own a small amount their children are not eligible for these benefits. This same form of means testing should be used with beginning farmer loans. Large farmers create new entities or place their 18 year old son or daughter on the beginning farmer guaranteed loan program to bid on land and expand their already large farm. The farmer will pay any price to acquire the land knowing if land should come down he will get a write down. A sort of no risk value insurance.

The new Farm Bill should contain very strict policed payment limits. One Social Security number one payment limit. No dividing farms into separate entities to qualify for more payments.

This would discourage the large farmer from aggressively seeking more land . Leaving land for new beginning farmers or expanding smaller operations to viable sized . Cooling down the fierce competition for farm land allowing land to come to a more production value.

Question2: Lower cost of production by allowing farm land values to come to actual production values. Discourage investors from acquiring farm land for income.

Question3: Limit payments one social security number one payment limit. No dividing up farms into seperate entities to qualify for more payments.

Question4: CRP program has placed a value on its quality of land through annual rental payments. Many of these payments going to investors collecting a return. This land should be left to the farmer willing to utilize it at a value he/she is willing to pay leaving room for a profit. Not having to compete with the government to rent the land.

Question5: Limiting farm payments will discourage large farmers from aggressively seeking more farm land leaving land for beginning farmers,

placing more people on the land and in the country which would only have a positive chain reaction.

Question6: Allow farm land to come to a production value so that farmers can compete with world markets.