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Question1: 1. Limit the amount of land in a county that is taken out of production via CRP etc and is therefore unavailable for beginning farmers to rent or purchase. Some counties exceed 50-70% of productive land that is taken out of production for 10 years or more.

2. Increase the direct loan limits of FSA beginning farmer direct loans from \$200,000 to 1/2 of the Guaranteed loan limits and then allow it to increase annually as the guaranteed loan limits increase. Land, livestock and equipment increases every year and loan limits need to keep pace. The RD housing loan limits are greater than the FSA farm loan limits which is outrageous.

3. All lending from USDA to Farmers should be consolidated in the Farm Loan branch of the FSA. This includes facility loans, and RD loans for environmental projects so it is a 1 stop for lenders and farmers for agricultural credit to farmers

Question2:

Question3: Government \$ should be targeted to those that pass a needs test. Farmers balance sheets nationwide have never been stronger and wealthy farmers should not be collecting \$ of the government no matter what the price of the commodity or their yield. The safety net should be simply to protect producers from insolvency or some standard slightly above that. Millionaire farmers of which there are millions should be cut off from the government dole. 50% or more of facility loans go to farmers who could get conventional credit and there is no reason taxpayer \$ are used for this purpose. In addition this was designed to be a temporary program during a period of tight storage and we no longer have that problem. END the temporary program

Question4:

Question5: More new beginning farmers that start up business in rural areas are economic engines. HUGE economic impact that trickles through the rural communities.

Question6: