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Question1: I am not sure how programs should be set up but I think that there needs to be some help for new farmers. It is extremely expensive to start if you do not have any backing. New farmer loans are good with reduced interest rates.

Question2: I think we can produce what global markets need, but do not know if we will be able to get the products to those who need them. I think we will stay competitive because we keep sharpening our farming skills.

Question3: I am sure no matter what you devise, someone will abuse the system. However, we have had subsidies and help for so long, I don't think that the average American farmer could survive without them. The markets that we "sell" to are controlled by "governments" so we are only able to do so much.

Question4: I am glad there is an awareness that the land was given to us to be caretakers of....so that our children might be able to do the same when the time comes. I think the awareness now of no-till, etc. has helped conservation. For the most part, farmers are very aware of their impact on the environment.

Question5: Everyone's way of life has changed and will continue to change as technology changes the world. I hope that the criteria to be eligible to tap into the farm programs stays fair and easy.

Question6: That there is an awareness that this is the wave of the future is a good sign. Farmers are diversified too. Therefore, value-added, renewable energy and bioproducts are all important things to consider as we head into the 21st century.