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Question1: If farm policy is so good for farmers, why have we lost so many Family sized farms and farms continue to grow to large scale business? When attending a farm land auction a paper is handed out with yields, bases and payments of the land. Essentially bidding on and buying these payments. Driving up land prices competing for this return on investment, defeating the purpose of the suppose to be safety net payments. High land prices are good for the investor but serve no purpose for the production agriculture producer. Is a farmer better off paying \$80.00 rent and receiving \$30.00 in gov. subsidies or \$50.00 rent and no subsidy payment? Today wheat is about \$3.00 and land is selling for xx\$. If wheat were to go up to \$10.00/bushel or the gov. were to subsidies to that level, one can only imagine what the price of land would be (the highest cost of production).

Question2: The highest cost to production agriculture is land cost. As with sugar beets the highest cost is to rent the contract to sell the beets. The gov. should not be concerned in keeping the price of beet stock up for investors enjoying huge returns in the past. Gov. does not hold up the price of any other stock.

Question3: One social security number one payment limit. No entities to divide up farms for more payments. Use county average for all yields eliminating fictitious yields enjoyed by large farms shifting grain bins around. Eliminate loopholes!

Question4: It is hard for farmers to compete with the higher than land rent prices paid by the government for CRP. This land should be left for the farmers to utilize to the best of their management abilities.

Meaning paying only what they can for this land and leaving room for profit.

Question5: Farmers are growing in size competing for land and profits, squeezing each other out.

Question6: