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Question1: government policy sould not be used to to raise or lower land values.their will always be unintended consequences. also the cost of land use compared to the cost of seed, chemicals and fetz. is not huge. cotton seed cost is \$88.00 per acre, rice is \$40.00.. rent in east arkansas, where i farm runs about \$90.00 to \$100.00. as you can see by these figures the use of land is under valued.

Question2: world politics is far above my head . however it should be our desire to see affordable food for every nation in the world.until now

government policy has only considered subsidizing through price supports. there may be ways to subsidize through policies that would lower expenses. example, makeing it legal for farmers to save roundup ready seed. by paying the teck fee directely to monsanto. farmers would save millions lowering our cost of production allowing us to be more copetitive with others. thats only one example their must be hundereds of ways for government to lower the cost of production. the federal tax deferrment on farm fuel is one that works well.we sould be thinking along these lines.

Question3: 73 years ago my dad farmed in the same area of arkansas in which he still lives. he has never forgotton the depersion. he still tells stories of how the government came in with mules, cattle barns, wpa programs etc. i suppose the question is, is something worth saving worth saving.

from mules to 20hp tractors to 50hp to 350 hp tractors and tons of other tecnogloies fewer people can simply farm more acres than they could 70-40-20-10 years ago.

we sould not punish sucess. those who work hard make good decissions should receive the same support as those who may not be as sucessful, however maybe its time the government along with the american farmers define who is a traditional farmer and who isn,t. farmers who own 5 equipment dealerships thousands of acres of land and so on are not traditional farmers and sould not be given the same support. loop holes which these people use to high jack the moneies intended for the traditional farmers should be closed .

Question4: the equip, crp, programs are on target as to how government can encourage better conservation practices.

Question5: this may be the most important question. in under developed areas such as eastern arkansas with the population being at least 50% black,to whom the federal government certainly in the name of fairness owes something, should devolope and support farmer owned processing plants shiping companies ect. which would do several things including stimulate these areas and make the farmer more independant of the large grain companies. this is the most important question. the answer to this will solve most of the other questions.

Question6: federal government through states and universities should partner with farmers and not large companies for the futhure

development of bioproducts and markets.

i fear corporate america sees they can own american ag through owning the tecinolgy of seed and other in puts.