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Question1: It is very important that a country feed itself and not depend upon imports for basic food supplies.

In San Diego County, sprawl and the cost of imported potable water drive farmers out of business.

Thus two factors are essential for retaining agriculture == in any area:

- 1) zoning. Farm land must set aside for perpetuity. Other nations do this with good effect.
- 2) water: water costs must be regulated. In San Diego County this would mean water for agricultural purposes would be priced at the cost of untreated water.

Question2: It is counter productive to drive subsistence farmers in third world countries out of business. As wages continue their slide to the bottom, U. S. agriculture will discover a decreased market everywhere. A new paradigm is needed that considers the needs of majority (i.e. the poor of third world nations) users.

Question3: Farm policy has truthfully benefitted large producers over small. Reverse this trend. Do not subsidize any transnational agribusiness.

Question4: Subsidize the return of agricultural lands to native species, especially along waterways and border areas.

Question5: Provide four year college scholarships to second and third children in farm homes.

Generally speaking, the family farm can only support one nuclear family. Subsequent children must find jobs in other fields. Then when parents die, the land is sold off so that every descendent has his/her share. If land were permanently zoned agricultural and college scholarships offered two to a family, family farms would be more likely to remain in cropland.

Question6: The trend nationally and world=wide is increasingly to buy organic.

Get on board. Accurate standards and labeling must be the duty of USDA. Genetic fiddling with seeds must be strictly monitored so that no cross-pollination occurs and seeds can be set aside by small farmers with the knowledge that next year's production will occur when these seeds are planted.

Any other program causes agricultural to deteriorate.