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Question1: How can a small family farmer compete with industrialized and corporate farmers when factories can produce so much more for less. On corporate farms animal husbandry doesn't exist and any and all amenities are dispensed with. Even if the land is priced lower many small farmers are driven out of business due to the growth of industrialized farms.

Question2: With the demand for grass raised beef and the humane handling labels, I feel there should be more attention applied to the welfare of animals raised for consumption. Animals in factories who are denied their basic needs such as fresh air, sunshine and movement cannot be healthy. As a consumer I prefer organic feed and happy animals and am willing to spend more money for product.

I also think with the rise of BSE, overseas markets are going to put more stringent demands on the meat we export.

Question3:

Question4: I recently read an article in the Milwaukee Journal where one large farm corporation is recycling manure rather than allowing runoff into the rivers and using it for bedding for the cows. The cows sleep better where before were reluctant to lie down.

Question5: If farmers are willing to invest in advanced technology that would provide a better and healthier product they should be given grants for schooling as well as incentives to work with the environment and anti-pollution reforms.

Question6: Stress the need for organic products eliminating the use of so many pesticides and give the animals a better quality of life and less stress in transport and slaughter.