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Question1: Have direct and countercyclical payments flow directly to the operator. Disconnect payments from land tracts. Stop subsidizing land and start subsidizing the operator. Too many operators now are puritian renters and less and less owner/operators. Let owners collect their benefits strictly from the conservation title.

Question2: Ensure funding for research is a priority for new crops and systems that create niche markets. Assist checkoff dollars with direct assistance to commodity groups in finding new alternatives for existing crop use.

Question3: Stop subsidizing land tracts. Create a new payment model based on: 5 year avg for each producers yield X current acres grown X a payment rate for each commodity group. THis will assist those producers who are renters only and make them more competitive when negotiating rents but will not hurt owner operators since they receive the same benefits.

Question4: Make carbon sequestration more user friendly and understandable for rural residents. Ensure higher or competitive carbon credits are being paid.

Question5: Use the full force of the agency to promote the rural lifestyle as the preferred way to raise children and promote family togetherness. Steer some agency money to municipalities for use in offsetting tax credits to lure industries.

Question6: Begin by funding Land Grant colleges again to the levels seen after WWII.