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Question1: What is amazing to me: the farmer will work, build and enhance the land that they own or rent. We must do that to continue. The landowner should not be aware of what payments we receive. Land has a value. If tenants change I do not think that they should get the other farmers history. They should start at county average the first year and then be allowed to update. that would prevent the land from becoming a commodity that the landlord didn't build and for sure didn't earn. As long as the landowner gets credit for the renters work the farmer will never receive intent of the program. As for new farmers. We dont have a chance as long as the programs are wrote by the older farmers. I try to influence my thoughts on my fellow farmers but it was said best: "he is too young to farm you land, what does he know?" I have farmed for 10 years and bought land everyother year. Most farmers cant say that.

Question2: I dont think that the farm policy is the weak link in maximizing competitiveness. It seems to me that the countries want to have free trade with us, but in return we relax our governances and therefore they work within the grey area. Just as much as the WTO ruling in the cotton market. We must not use commodity as a tool of war. We must provide for the accounting to keep things in check for what we try to create.

Question3: If fairness was to be awarded to farmers and owners, why not recertify plantings, and yields for the past 5 years. That would save the taxpayers money and bring into check the greed of all.

Question4: The CSP program is great. EQUIP leaves some desire. I have applied for 5 years. Either you dont get to apply because the list is too long, they have to start over and start at the bottom and don't continue so we all have chances or the ranking is statewide and the land varies on need to much to be fairly ranked. There needs to be more division.

Question5: For the most part this is being done by the private sector. My only thought would be to help upgrade the availability to find technology. As in more awareness

Question6: Should there be more ease with compliance on value added?

Lending institutions are scared of veering off the path, unless you are "stout". I was once told that I would have to pay for GPS. I paid cash and now I operate with one less person, instead of 4 sprayers I now operate one. I think that is education by the Government to encourage lenders that technology is not failing the operator it is the operator failing.