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Question1: If the subsidy programs stay in place I don't believe that you will get "unintended" consequences out of the market. We need to focus on trade and put more money towards opening up those markets. Lessening subsidies and relying on a more supply and demand market will reward out farmers both in viability and profitability. The short-term will be tough getting out of the subsidy business but new farmers won't have the "crutch" to rely on the government subsidy.

Question2: More money needs to be redirected from direct payments to bettering the domestic and internal market for all farm products.

Question3: The only time there should be assistance to the farmer is in times of extreme weather events. The tough part is to define "extreme" weather events. I would favor more disaster payments being made in the areas that are effected and a total across the board, for everyone program.

Question4: By a supply and demand system with no direct subsidies the conservation and environmental issues should decrease. This sought of system should reward the good farmers but penalize those farmers that don't use efficient conservation and environmental practices. Most farmers and ranchers are stewards of the land and know that abuse will only result in ruin.

Question5: Here is another area that I have issue with. Economic development should be up to the local areas and not the federal government subsidizing these projects. The only issue I can see federal money being involved with is infrastructure, ie. water systems, treatment plants, etc.

Question6: Since I believe private industry and our universities do a fine job of developing projects, money should be directed to them. Again, private industry can more than take care of financing their own development of products and services. I see the corporate-university relationships deepening in the land grant schools nationwide. This could take the burden off of state and local governments from funding university research and leave it up to corporate grants and funding for new product development.