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Question1:

Question2: The EU is strongly supporting farming that is organic and is not genetically-engineered. The EU population is also heavily into organic and non-GE food. Any farm policy in the US will have to acknowledge that in order to compete in a large part of the world, genetic engineering of food crops is not a viable or profitable practice and should be banned. Organic farming should be encouraged for the same reason.

Question3: Attention should be paid to who owns the farms in question. Large corporate-owned farms should not receive nearly as much aid and support as small farms, which should receive incentives and tax breaks.

Question4: Farmers are, or can be, the ultimate stewards of our lands. Organic farming is one obvious method to use in such stewardship -- it supports local economies, preserves the land and honors environmental needs. As well, many farmers could become providers of renewable sources of energy such as wind, which would provide clean energy to many communities, cut down on pollution, enhance human and environmental health, cut health insurance and related costs, and the like. The possibilities are endless!

Question5: Provide incentives to push renewable power use by farmers. This would aid all of us by providing clean power to many communities, give another source of income to family farms, and help cut fossil fuel use and subsequent pollution. As well, the govt should consider aiding the family farm rather than the corporate businesses, whose profits are not returned to the local community and whose interests are not focused there. Govt should also provide incentives to farms to go organic. The organic business is growing tremendously -- as an example, the demand for organic milk has now outstripped the supply and ads are being posted to encourage new organic farmers.

Question6: As innovatively as possible, strongly emphasizing alternatives to present practices. See answers to previous questions.