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Question1: Locally we don't have much interest from the distributor of diesel fuel (on and off road) to be ready to switch to biodiesel. The owner is only going to go as far as selling the 15ppm biodiesel/reg. diesel which is the administrations' policy. This just goes to show you that this administration is not concerned with the clean air initiatives, but only with procuring more money to the large oil conglomerates. The farmers of this country should be the major stockholders of this new industry. Another point: All farmers should be able to get yellow grease or second hand cooking oils to use in their equipment nationwide to reduce noxious air pollution. A granting program needs to be put into place to assure those that want to apply for these grants should be able to use the money to build grease generators/cleaners to run their own farm equipment and sell any leftovers to help maintain their equipment.

Question2: How can farmers compete with wages over seas which are in the neighborhood of \$80 per week in some countries, and the lifestyle/overhead is 1/10th of what our lifestyle and cost of living is here. We must be reasonable to the farmers of this country or maybe the farmers will start a boycott and the agribusinesses will take over. This will leave the small to midsize farmers completely out of the picture. This leads back to a few companies owning everything and the rest of us owning nothing.

Question3: Once again " the current farm support system encourages increases in farm size and results in the disproportionate distribution of program benefits to large farms. It has also been suggested that program incentives lead to increased production and lower market prices.

A higher quality vegetable is produced with less chemical and more organic/natural stewardship actions and also more is produced locally and less fuel is used to transport the veggies to the consumer than that of the large agribusiness farm. Locally produced goods are thousands of miles fresher.

Question4: Future farm policy ,NOT MIGHT, BUT MUST be anchored around the provision of tangible benefits such as cleaner water and air BE THE NORM.

Question5: Getting rid of the Ag agents that are fence sitters and do nothings, and replacing them with more progressive, stewardship minded, environmentally challenged, farm ag agents that can see the forest and the trees and the soil and the air and the birds etc.

Question6: Attention to product quality and new attributes; organic and specialty crops; value-added products, including renewable energy and bioproducts and new uses for farm products generally; expanded basic and applied research; domestic and foreign market development; and similar activities. And the granting programs to get all of us small farmers a leg up, so that our agricultural base can be cleaner and more self sufficient.

