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Question1: Yes, they should. However, farmers should also be encouraged to engage in organic farming, which will increase a farmers income, as they sell at a higher price and there is less operating costs associated with chemical purchasing.

Question2: One of the fastest growing markets in the global and U.S. markets is environmentally sound products, such as organic foods and other sustainable foods, such as wild foods, permaculture and silviculture. These also are low energy input and combat the growing problem of erosion.

Question3: Again, a sustainable situtation -- organic foods, wild foods, permaculture and silviculture -- should be supported as they are more energy independent, and environmentally sound. Large agribusiness is more focused on profit, has high energy expenditure, and are less healthy foods (studies show that agricultural chemicals have repeatedly been linked to diseases, and crops have less fiber, less usable protein, and lack trace minerals), leading to government expenditures in health care and make the U.S. more energy dependent.

Question4: By far the best situation is permaculture, forest farming and silviculture. In the case of silviculture -- the best of all -- marginal lands and hilly country can support trees and prevent erosion. Forest soils are the best water filters and forest also supports wildlife. Also, organic applications do not use chemicals, many of which pollute the water and air.

Question5: By working with the natural wilderness. There are many trees that can produce food, fuel, fiber and fodder. Government programs should invest in this type of farming (i.e., silviculture). This situation also requires less maintenance and supports the environment.

Question6: The focus should be on organic and wild crops, permaculture, forest farming, and silviculture.