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Question1: I think the government should encourage gradual transfer plans so that new farmers can gradually take over from retiring farmers, and discourage sale of family farms to farm conglomerates who care little for the health of the land or the quality of life of animals raised on the farm.

Question2: Our farm policy should focus on the development of a wide variety of new, high-quality products, free from antibiotics and modified genes, free from pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, free from animal diseases. These foods can be sold at premium prices on the world market.

Question3: A definite limit should be placed on the amount of money that can be earned by crop failure. This limit should be in favor of small farmers and not large corporate-owned operations. Please have our food providers emphasize quality rather than quantity.

Question4: Please establish farm policies that (1) encourage consumers to eat locally produced foods, so as to reduce transportation costs and pollution; (2) encourage farmers to use less chemical aids in their production, to reduce pollution from these chemicals; (3) encourage animal producers to aim for quality rather than quantity, enhancing the lives and deaths of the animals they raise, and reducing the amount of animal and chemical waste produced; (4) absolutely end the use of antibiotics, growth hormones, and other artificial aids to meat and dairy production; (5) absolutely end any chance of animal contamination by cow remains; for example, contamination of chickens that then in turn may be fed back to cows in the form of chicken litter.

Question5: Many rural families would love to be able to earn a living by farming or raising animals. The government could teach them to grow novel crops, grow food "organically", and sell direct to consumers when possible so the families could have a chance to live as farmers.

Question6: I think that farm policy should focus on just these items and focus on small producers rather than giant "agribusiness" firms. Politicians should show some courage here.