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Question1: How about encouraging the idea of hundreds of thousands of smaller farms all across the country rather than a handful of gigantic farms in a concentrated area. The only thing discouraging new farmers is that they are up against huge farms that get millions of cash from the government. How about no more government subsidies to farms and let them compete on the free trade market... If need be the government could experts in sustainable farming from the private sector and run educational programs open to new and existing farmers.

Question2: Same answer as above - How about encouraging the idea of hundreds of thousands of smaller farms all across the country that grow a variety and balance of different crops - rather than a handful of gigantic farms in a concentrated area that grow one or two crops. That way there are more farmers and the crop variety protects them when one or two crops have a bad season the others make up for it.

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Question4: Same story - How about encouraging the idea of hundreds of thousands of smaller farms all across the country that grow a variety and balance of different crops - rather than a handful of gigantic farms in a concentrated area that grow one or two crops. That way there are more farmers and the crop variety protects them when one or two crops have a bad season the others make up for it.

The only thing discouraging new farmers is that they are up against huge farms that get millions of cash from the government. Further, many of these new farmers wish to compete in the organic markets and the government is so busy catering to pesticide companies and factory farmers that it's hard for organics (which consumers demand) to get in. Again, no more government subsidies to polluting farms. Let the polluters and factories compete on the free trade market with organics and see who pulls in more money for America domestically and abroad. My money is on the organic and sustainable farms.

Question5: New technology in farming is focused on the needs of huge

farms. We don't need huge farms. We need lots and lots of smaller farms scattered all over the country. Government programs should encourage this picture of American farming - helping lots of small farmers get their goods and services out to the world. The technology should be focused on distribution rather than production. Plants and animals already know how to live and thrive. We just have to get out of the way and give them a clean, balanced, sustainable place to do so.

Question6: Product development - America should grow more hemp fiber and soy. Hemp heals the land destroyed by pesticide use - and the strongest fiber out there. It grows clean. Soy is a clean energy source for everything from food to candles.

Marketing - Let the world know that American products come from a renewable system. It's so simple.

Research - Have government officials read books already written about sustainable farming practices. You can save money there. We already know it's energy efficient so the government doesn't have to spend my tax dollars on reinventing the wheel.