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Question1: The beginning farmer programs offered through several state appropriations and the programs available through the FSA could be strengthened or promoted more. These should mitigate those problems.

Question2: Understanding many treaties prohibit or limit direct subsidizing. However, subsidizing crop insurance or other inputs may be an answer and reduce the risk involved with production agriculture.

Question3: I support insurance based on past production so as not to encourage poor farming practices. Lowering the maximum limit paid to any one entity would discourage increasing farm sizes and promote family farms and young farmers.

Question4: The CRP program has been a win/win/win program for commodity prices, environment, and sportsmen. Continuation of it and some similar type programs may be advisable.

Question5: Providing support for basic services ie, electricity, telephone and medical services should be the extend of Federal involvement. The benefits of rural living will let the market determine other needs and the private economy will handle those.

Question6: Subsidizing organic farming may help in environmental issues but will also boost commodity prices due to reduced yields on the land on which it is grown.