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Question1: 1. CRP is one of the biggest factor in "unintended consequences" which has clearly caused THREE problems: (A) drastically increased farmland rental costs, (B) increase land values because of higher incomes brought about by CRP or "cash rent"---the farmer has to compete with the USDA for land rents (CRP) and (C)closed up most small towns. Counties or areas with high utilization of CRP clearly display the loss of businesses on mainstreet from grain elvators to insurance agencies. They are GONE--the used and new equipment dealers, the seed and fertilizer dealers--they are gone or going out of business.

Question2: (1) We, the US Government will have to subsidize our production agriculture--the Europeans and Japan subsidize their farmers.

(2) Keep the subsidy on the FARM and not with the grain buyer, the processor and end user.

(3) Place CAPS on farm subsidies--this will encourage new and expanding small farmers who are the most productive in the WORLD!

(4) Regulations are OUT OF CONTROL--from swamp buster to sod buster--. We CANNOT compete with countries who have fewer and less invasive regulations. The environmental and conservation movements have stymied our competitiveness and it will only get WORSE with the current status of these programs and the political power they control. Until the stranglehold of the environmental and conservations groups is diminished--we will NEVER be competitive in the world market.

Question3: (1) CAPS--CAPS --CAPS on subsidies.

(2) Direct payments to FARMERS only with mechanism to prevent shifting of the subsidy to the processor, grain buyer etc.

(3) Crop Insurance works--it is a reliable consistent management of agr risk BUT it is FULL of rules and regulations that only stymie acceptance of the subsidized coverage.

(4) The current ag bill is pretty good. It doesn't leet a farmer go broke. It helps maintain an income level while most farmers are becoming real estate millionaires. Look at an small North Dakota farmer with 1000 acres. This land is selling between \$500 and \$3000 per acres. All of a sudden the farmer has a land worth of between a half million dollars and \$3.0 MILLIONS dollars===subsiized by ME--the taxpayer. NO OTHer BUSINESS gets subsideed for estate building and retirement more than the American farmer. THAT in itself is a great benefit of the USDA farm bill!

Question4: (1) Stay away form the WTC

(2) Your goal is an oxymoron. You cannot have "cheap food" to the American family and be competitive world wide with the current conservation and environmental mandates. It is impossible. The hunter, birder, hiker, and American consumer will have to SUBSIDIZE agriculture with farm more dollars than current IF they want to continue to enjoy

what we currently have. The cycle and power of the environmentalist and conservationist is THREATENING the very existence and competitiveness of the American farmer.

Question5: (1) Get RID of CRP and all associated products. Let the conservations, hunters, city explorers pay the costs for use of these lands etc.

(2) CAP payments at \$100,000

(3) Sliding scale tax schedules where small and rural farmers pay LESS or NO tax on income up to a certain threshold--\$100,000

Question6: (1) Promote GMO farming. It is safe, proven and the ONLY way we will gain the competitive advantage over WTO farmers.

(2) Promote research into product and processes.