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Question1: Making farmers aware of the opportunities out there. We need a database of products needed and businesses needing these products. We also need assistance in changing operations to meet these needs. Such as loans.

Question2: You need to do away with direct payments on rented ground. If you are a farmer and are actively farming and you own it, you get direct payments if you don't you need to prove inputs and production and pay according to county averages. If yields fall below averages set by the county then you get a payment. But only with proof. But you need to use actual county averages not percentage of county average. Proof needs to be actuals on that farm. If a farmer is having hardship there needs to be loans to help in times of need to keep them going. There should never be a forgiveness of these loans. Anyone having had a loan forgiven in the past doesn't qualify. We can all pay our way if given the opportunity. This will also do away with large entities who own ground but don't actively farm it getting payments.

Question3: In stead of providing direct payments. Base payments on production only and make every farmer who applies keep farm records and field records. They need to prove past years production. Every farmer knows what each farm, and each field did. Even small farmers. They have to know to determine if it is profitable. In most cases the FSA already has this information. Or ask the crop Insurance companies to provide it to the FSA. After all if you aren't a producer and having actual input cost on that farm you should not get assistance. Only when you can prove input cost.

Question4: You need to expand no-till. you need to reward farmers who switch to no-till or who have effectively used no-till in past years. Mostly you need to talk to farmers on this issue.

Question5: If existing farmers having a hard time, can get assistance in diversifying, they will open up new markets in their areas. They will not be taking jobs away from town people, they will be adding jobs.

Question6: We should use our resources to develop new and improve products from agriculture. We need to keep agriculture viable our future depends on that.