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Question1: Countries overall need to have an infrastructure to utilize our farm products. Instead of offering incentives in terms of loans to buy our products it would appear that if we build facilities to process our products we may have markets that could actually purchase our farm products.

Question2: Some how an effort needs to be made to assist beginning farmers by tax incentives to large units. It does not sell because it is perceived as a give away to the rich and not a tax break for the beginners. The price of entry into agriculture is controlled by implements not really built for farmers that do not have the ability to control the raw product but for industry to make a profit. Farmers do not need the implements now offered, but they do want them.

Question3: From this question I am assuming that government is responsible for farm income. And up to this point that is quite true, however it is a burden the american tax payer continues for cheap food. It seems a flat tax on gross is far more equitable and there would be no need for distribution of assistance. The more we produce the more we pay it would be a voluntary cut back to the point of guaranteed net profits in agriculture.

Question4: When the farmers and ranchers can be assured a reasonable profit they will take better care of their own lands. As they are the first line of conservationists every time if they can afford it. Put money in the net profit and the country will see voluntary conservation without the need for programs and the bureaucracy to administer them.

Question5: The federal government is already making great strides in these areas through ARS sites across the states, extension offices, NRCS offices, FSA offices and farm loan offices within easy access of every ag operator.

Question6: Open up the sideboards for ARS to try things that fail once in a while. They continue to reinvent the wheel because of burdensome bureaucracy and they need a chance to be inventive at times. They are trying things that the farmers have been doing for five years already, somehow they need the chance to get out in front of them. Farmers will follow leaders but will seldom go backwards for government to catch up.