

From: tcv@westernagcredit.com
Subject: Farm Bill 2007 Official Comments - 07/07/2005 07:19 PM CDT
Date Sent: 07/07/2005 07:19:58 CDT
Date Received: 07/07/2005 07:21:10 CDT

Email: tcv@westernagcredit.com

FirstName: Troy

LastName: VanTassell

Address1: 2701 Georgia Way

Address2:

City: Sandy

State: Utah

zipcode: 84092

Question1:

Question2: To whom it may concern:

Farming is a business, and in any business the more barriers to entry you have the better of you are as a business entity. However, I am a young man, aged 26, I graduated from college a year ago in agribusiness.

It has always been my dream to be able to someday own my own farm. Currently I am unable to do so due to the gaint barrier of entry which is land values. Land is to high to justify it for farm production and profitabilty.

This is mainly due to speclation of real estate and 1031 exchanges. Not to bash on the 1031 exchange but this helps people to justify purchasing land at a high price then if they had to

do it out right with out any tax exemption. FSA has a good heart to help out young farmers like myself. I agree with the beginning farm programs that are offered. I do plan submitting a business plan to help me obtain my

dream. But, it is hard to get a good bottom line when my goal is to raise hay and cattle in central utah with land values allowing me to only purchase 50 to 60 acres of irrigated crop land. At that level, I am just a hobby

farmer, in which farming will become a second job for me. So, my only suggestion is to increase the amount of funds available to young begining farmers so that they can purchase enough acres to be competitive in current and globe markets.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my view,

Troy Van Tassell

Question3:

Question4:

Question5:

Question6: