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Question1: US Farm Policy needs to encourage production in areas where we have a comparative advantages by drastically reducing production-based subsidies. At the same time, our policies should encourage local production that increases food security at the local/regional level within the US.

Question2: Provide money for more Purchase of Development Rights programs and low interest loans/grants to entering farmer's buying land, and encourage towns/states to provide tax rebates/reductions for active farmland by providing some payment to cover town budgets.

Question3: Distribute benefits based on environmental stewardship which rewards farmers for taking good care of their land and the environment. Make the programs accessible to small-scale farmers. institute a payment limit that lowers over time to ease the transition away from production-based subsidies. Encourage new, young and immigrant farmers to invest in farming through technical assistance programs, loan help etc.

Question4: Support the conservation reserve program!

Question5: Provide assistance/funding to programs that increase direct marketing opportunities (ie. help farms develop and maintain farmer's markets, stands, help develop farm-school, farm-institution buying programs etc.)

Question6: Increase funding for organic farming research, increase funding for small-scale mixed agricultural systems.