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Question1: The opening of world markets also means the opening of domestic markets. It would be prudent to avoid an awkward position when U.S unsubsidized products enter our own market. After having said that. Key staples will always be in demand. At the same time we need to use marketing to create a demand for our niche ag products such as water, transgenic pharmaceutical drugs, and alternative fuels. While eliminating subsidies, we should create a demand in the global markets for our products by marketing within the countries we export to.

Question2: Two ways: First by raising the max. FSA loan amount (which is currently \$200,000)

This is not enough to begin or to stay in farming in today's economy.

Change the loan requirements so that more producers can take advantage of the lower interest rate. Second: Include tax or farm policy incentives to sell land to exiting and beginning farmers, versus an investor with a higher price offer to land owners who are selling farmland.

Question3: Regionalize the payments. Family farms have to become larger to continue to support their families today. However many payments are going to individuals who are not depended upon them within the farming operation. Many land owners live out of the geographical area that the land is located in taking money out of the rural economy.

Question4: Through reward, rather than penalty. Conservation rotation and tillage practices payments. payments for preservation of endangered species found on the farm. Conservation water use, and other natural resources. Etc.

Question5: In our rural area, farming and rural America is still synonymous. Every retail and employment is still heavily dependent upon agriculture. When agriculture is supported so is the rural economy as long as the government program benefits remain within the area.

Question6: Research and development are wonderful if you have a market with a buyer. It's important to include within the framework of the farm bill a market strategy for our exports and domestic markets. In addition we need to spend money on research and development, finding ways to lower the cost of production for the American farmer.