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Question1: Need legislative action to disallow "patent" rights on seed that can reproduce itself -- farmers need to be able to save seed for their own use. Maintain and increase research efforts for improved seed varieties, disease resistance, and product/market opportunities at land-grant colleges and universities.

Question2: Need strict payment limitations, elimination of the 3-entity rule, and inclusion of all crop insurance subsidies and all program payments in the calculation of benefits for program payment limitations. Eliminate CRP. Maintain the CCC commodity loan programs, with LDP provisions, yet total non-recourse amounts should again be subject to payment limitations. Eliminate PIK certificates. Allow "full recourse" commodity loans which are not subject to payment limitations.

Question3: Replace "base acres" with an annually recalculated base determined by actual most recent 6-year average acres planted to each applicable crop -- old "base acres" have nothing to do with what is done now. Do not carry over old base acres to land removed from production agriculture. Need strict payment limitations, elimination of 3-entity rule. Eliminate false insurance guarantees -- don't substitute 60% of APH yield for disaster yields to calculate new APH for guarantee purposes. Only allow multi-peril insurance on one crop per year on any specific land -- eliminate double-crop, 2nd crop, AND prevented planting coverages.

Question4: Target landowners. Target cost-share preferred practices. Fund research and educational efforts at land grant colleges and universities.

Question5: Maintain/improve funding for rural roads & bridges.

Maintain/improve railcar transportation of commodities. Maintain/improve barge transportation of commodities.

Question6: