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Question1: Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) has been an unintended consequence. If an individual was fortunate enough to receive a rain that his neighbors did not, it gives the individual who received the extra rain a real economic advantage over his neighbor only because it happened to rain.

Question2:

Question3: I believe that increased subsidies for crop insurance makes sense. That being said, I also believe if there is a drought or weather disaster (Katrina) there should NOT be disaster programs enacted. If producers do not take advantage of crop insurance subsidies to protect a crop that is usually worth tens to hundreds of thousands more than their house they live in, it's their decision.

Question4: While agreeing that conservation and environmental stewardship is important, it is difficult for a producer in flat black dirt country to look kindly on producers who receive benefits because of terraces and waterways, etc., while their biggest concern is tile management. I am not privy to benefits for ie; central illinois farmers and what they are offered.

Question5: I think we are beginning to see some expansion with ethanol plant construction, etc. Continued support of manufacturing, soy diesel, ethanol plants through loans, and grants may be the way to go.

Question6: The one item that caught my attention with the last Farm Bill was the restriction of being able to plant fruits and vegetables on my farm. My understanding was I would lose any farm payments if I were to start raising fruits and vegetables without a past history of raising those crops. Apparently the fruit and vegetable guys from California and other places have an influential lobby! I should be able to grow what I want with no penalties. This is still the U.S.