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Question1:

Question2: We do not need to compete with subsistence farmers in third world markets with our rice etc that would be cheaper than their product. I think in the US we call it dumping????!!!! But we can take pride in the innovations of producing crops suitable to climate and other growing conditions. ie sweet corn & blueberries from NJ for the NYC market.

Question3: The majority of subsidies go to corporations, some not even owned by US citizens... how about limiting these supports to the individual farmer . think what that could do to help new farmers get started , see question# 1

Question4: I have had my land in CREP since 1999. It is a wonderful program but there are too few farmers enrolled in Pa. The reason, there is a cap on the # of acres to be enrolled, why, when much of Pa farmland drains into the Chesapeake Bay?? Many of my neighbors would do more but they can't afford it and I know that too well, I am out of pocket > \$2000. every time we do a CREP installaton. Why don't I get the same acreage eligibility or reimbursement as ND or IOWA????

Question5: Every Dollar spent on clean water, clean air and open space is returned and then some . Rural America is finding Recreational \$\$ big business. Fishing, Hiking, Canoeing, Bird Watching bring in a lot of cash income to our area, the biggest segment of our county's ag income after mushrooms, HORSES. And this is in SE Pa.

Question6: CSA's (community supported agriculture) have been the best thing to happen to Chester County, most are organic certified and some have waiting lists for members. Humane raised and processed beef, pork, chickens are also in demand and there are 2 buffalo farms within 30 miles of each other but we don't have a slaughter house to take the buffalo in the area so they must be transported to near Erie many many miles away, what kind of sense does that make.