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Question1: I cannot answer this question with any substance.

Question2: Overproduction is never good, keep production levels stable to compete with our quality, diversified products. CRP is a major componet in this policy insofar as marginal land does not need to maximize our full potential.

Question3: Increasing farm size has historically shown to reduce price structures in a global market. We need to keep some land out of production that is highly erodible.

Question4: As a Lutheran Pastor and a minister of the gospel in North Dakota, it is my opinion that good stewardship includes enhancing our native grass stands that is a gift from God. I realize that we will never go back to the Jeffersonian ideal of farms everywhere, but conservation is vital to what makes America great. Keep CRP and allow rotational grazing and occasiaonal haying to keep unwanted weeds down. As a hunter, I've noticed, also, that old CRP turns basically into a stand of straight brome grass which is junk for wildlife. Allow minimal practices on these lands and all parties will be happy. It's the best type of stewardship.

Question5: We live in a global market. When the EU stops their aggressive, unfair subsidizing, then, perhaps we can have less government intervention. In the meantime, we need to play the game to keep our rural areas active and rich in the prairie that is a gift to our land.

Question6: Yes. ABOVE ALL. KEEP CRP but tweak it to allow some practices on marginal lands. I.E. minimal grazing (rotational) check out the work that MR. Gene Goven of Turtle Lake, ND. has done. He grazes three times the amount of cattle since he started his rotational program and he has big blustem, indian grass, and switchgrass up to your shoulders. All game and nongame species have benefited from this and he, as a producer, has had success, too. Real science can please the producers, the sportsmen and women, and God with good stewardship of our land. Thank you for listening to us.

Dan Mauer, Pastor Underwood Lutheran Parish.