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Question1: The Farm Bill needs to give a waiver on inheritance tax if the legatee intends on farming. Also their should be tax, property and sales, breaks for a new farmer. The price of land is putting all the land that becomes available into the hands of a limited few. The family farmer has no way to grow and still remain competitive.

Question2:

Question3: Their should be a major effort to encourage the small farmer. The farmer who farms less than a 1000 acres. This is and has been the backbone of our Nation. Too many farmers can not effectively stay in business based on the raises in fertilizer, gas/diesel, and the cost of seed. Everyone can raise their prices except the farmer, they are slave to the market price. The market price appears to be manipulated by commodity exchange persons. An example would be the crop report for this year in Illinois. All you have to do is drive around to see that the production levels will be considerably less than is being reported. The report is driving the price down but the farmers' prices are going up for next years crop. The subsidies (LDP) and the like need to take into consideration inflation of production costs and living costs. It is incredible that the cost of nitrogen has double each year for the last two years but the price of corn is still the same it was during WWII. Most people would be stupid to become farmers the when looking at the plus and minus columns of accounting in a small farmers business. Being a farmer is because you love the land and love the job, but mouths have to be fed starting with the farmers own children. Our government needs to take a serious look at its support of the American Farmer. Do we want to rely on foreign governments for our food too? Look how well it has done for us in oil. Please consider equalizing the distribution of funds to the smaller farmer and looking into the tremendous cost increases in production. Also the tax break we use in fuel should be extended to the trucks and vehicles that we use on the farm that go on the roadways. Our truck is as important as some of our tractors. It carries our tools, helps protect us as we travel on the roadways with our tractors, and even pulls a grain wagon at times. The fuel break should extend to all vehicles, licensed and unlicensed used on the farm. You talk about stabilizing prices and income how about stabilizing the market in consumerate to the production costs.

Question4: Pay a farmer(or provide price breaks) to fertilize and return the nutrients that his crop takes from the land. Waterway preservation should be examined.

Question5: The rural farmer knows more about agronomy, mechanics, chemicals, accounting, management, and many other areas than anybody realizes. They need price breaks to keep up on technology whether it be on seed genetics or a gps system to help limit the insecticide used. Benefits should be given to farmers who go to school and to secondary education institutions. The University of Illinois does a wonderful job for the Northern and central areas of Illinois in research and development, but what works in those areas will not work in the rural

areas of Southern Illinois. We have a different climate the majority of years. Also there should be assistance to the farmer who wants to experiment on a new crop for him.

Question6: All the above should be encouraged and price breaks as well as monetary support should be provided. Also additional free education in these areas should be offered.