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Question1: 1) Assist state, county & local governments in development of land zoning policies & property tax breaks that will help keep ownerships in farm & forest land uses.

Question2: 1) Cut & eliminate American farm subsidies; replace it with a ramped up approach to developing more international markets for ag. commodities.

Question3: 1) Past & present farm subsidy programs to shore up & support farmers is no longer working! This "welfare" program has created a whole generation (s) of farmers that are dependent on the subsidy checks .... not unlike a drug addiction. Use and abuse of the subsidy program has created a huge economic windfall for big farmers at the expense of small-medium sized farms. I recommend that all farm subsidy programs be eliminated as soon as possible; a good place to start is with this next 2007 Farm Bill.

2) Farm subsidy programs need to be replaced with a ramped up effort targeting environmental & conservation accomplishments on the land. Presently, cropland base acreage determinations dictate how much of a subsidy check the farmer will receive; i.e. the more acres he/she farms...the bigger the welfare check. This outmoded, outdated & archaic subsidy approach acts as a very strong deterrent to farming the land sustainably via best management practices for the land. Elimination of farm subsidies will allow free enterprise & global markets to dictate the crops to be grown. This new paradigm shift should be complimented with a new & dynamic approach to conservation incentives needed for wise stewardship of the land.

Question4: 1) By eliminating all subsidies to farmers, the 2007 Farm Bill will make progress in helping US production ag. to ameliorate its tarnished image & poor track record on the environment front.

2) The new paradigm shift should be away from subsidies & refocused on incentives that reward producers for incorporating best management practices (tree planting, forest stand improvement, wildlife habitat enhancement, grass seeding, permanent vegetative cover terraces etc.) on the land.

3) One of the best carbon-neutral crops that US farmers can grow are trees, especially in light of future global warming agreements to be fostered with other countries of the world. Stabilized funding needs targeted toward cost-share incentives needed to get more forestry incorporated into all farm enterprises. Specifically, tree planting and forest stand improvement practices need to be reinstated & funded by the 2007 Farm Bill.

Question5: 1) In the early 1970's the US experienced the First Oil Crisis, followed by 3 decades of complacency & little progress toward

weaning this country's dependence on foreign oil. With the ongoing Iraq War and the realization that the world is running out of oil, we're in the midst of the Second Oil Crisis in 2005. The writing is on the wall & the US needs to make a move toward renewable energy sources ASAP.

2) Farms & forests can play a huge role in helping our country start to tap the boundless renewable energy growing on our land. Forest & ag. biofuel technology needs ramped up with development \$ to get these systems in place & operating. This will create jobs, economic development & capital investment in rural America.

Question6: 1) Need increased focus on research & development of the only "carbon-neutral", non-subsidized crop that can be grown on America's farms ... trees.

2) Much emphasis & funding has been plowed into development of ethanol & biodiesel fuels derived from "heavily subsidized" ag. crops (corn, wheat, soybeans, sugar beets). These are all annual crops that require incredible input costs (irrigation, fossil fuel, fertilizer, pesticides etc.) to grow. Other long-live, perennial, non-subsidized crops (trees, grass) need equal time with research & development funding.