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Question1: Eliminate guarantees of farm income. These guarantees work to the benefit of the higher capitalized farmers.

Question2: Eliminate special benefits to certain crops. When the government pays on certain crops they take the market forces out of the formula and crops will be raised that the market does not want in excess amounts. i.e. corn

Question3: Farm payments should be to individual farmer that meet certain minimum production. Payments will be an incentive for farmers to produce food for this country and the payment would be equal with no regard to farm size. It should be viewed as a payment of encouragement and the market should drive the rest of the incentives.

Question4: Please respect the good stewardship of the farmer toward his land. Bad conservation comes from the lack of ability to properly rotate crops because of excessive payments to highly erodible crops. Encouraging corporate farms will also take the human farmer element out of the conservation formula. Education of better practices should be the work of the NRCS and the Extension Service.

Question5: Higher disposable incomes are needed in our rural communities. To attract individuals with these higher disposable incomes it is a must that high quality education will be available to the sons and daughters of those bringing the higher incomes to rural areas. This can be done with the technology available to us today through distance education. i.e. Great Plains University at the secondary education level.

Question6: Give all agricultural production a level playing field. Take away financial advantages to certain crops and give farmers a free run and the innovative market place. I believe that help from the federal government should be channelled through the USDA-ARS. Properly funding new and innovative research will benefit all of agriculture and the US consumers. The USDA-ARS would act as a clearing house for private and public research. This would avoid duplication. This would allow for repeated research to verify. This would allow for a more efficient use of all research fund to best use to the producer and the end user. i.e. forage research would be administered through the USDA-ARS Forage Research Center in Madison Wisc.