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Question1:

Question2: A key point to remember is that the government can only give to one person what it has taken by force from another. Thomas Jefferson said it best - the purpose of American government is to leave its citizens free... neither restraining nor aiding them in their pursuits. If a farmer cannot make a profit farming, then he/she should find a new profession and leave farming to those who can do so profitably. Forcing us to pay twice for our food, first through tax subsidies, and then at the grocer, is both immoral and economically socialist.

Question3: there should be no assistance distributed. Go back to basic economics of supply and demand. The growth in demand is basically related to population growth and eating habits. The key is to reduce supply so that subsidies will not be needed. AND ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. A private organization such as Underwriters Labs or Good Housekeeping seal of approval would be more effective and efficient than government.

Question4: the purpose of a farmer should be to profitably produce food that is desired by his/her customer base. Private organizations that have an interest in conservation should purchase land they want to conserve, and pay taxes on the land to help fund government operations at the same rate as other landowners.

Question5: times change. Buggy whip manufacturers found new occupations. Farmers that cannot farm profitably should find new occupations. There should be no program that gives money to those who choose to farm if it has been taken from those who have chosen not to farm.

Question6: there should not be another farm bill. Those who want to be profitable will seek to develop products that customers want to purchase and that can be sold profitably. Farmers can join organizations to provide marketing and research related issues, just as other industries manage to do without taxpayers picking up the tab.