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Question1: Yes the 2002 farm program did a good job in helping new and experienced farms to a large degree. But with the raising input cost of land, equipment, seed, chemical, diesel, gas, propane, etc. it is hard. It would make it easier on a new farmer or rancher if the usda new farmer loan program was not so long, almost not worth it just because of the paper work.

I would also like to see the 2007 farm bill address the issue of crop rotation. The freedom to farm pays farmers to plant the same crop year after year. I would like to see the payments go to the farmers that rotate crop and be good stewards of the land. The current farm programs deducts base acres when you plant another crop except for the crop you are signed up for. Lets have a set aside program in which the farm has to plant a high residue crop or other crop that puts material back into the land and not just take from the land all the time. This would help the new farmers understand the importance of being a good steward and farmer. as long as farmers are willing to pay these higher prices for inputs then nothing will be done in my appendion. Instead of paying farms a price support just pay them to leave crop land out of production or produce something the other countries will not complain about. I like the ideas about the ethinal plants for farmers to grow crops to support gas prices. it takes to much capital money to get into farming to purchase what you need. Another thing is that the smaller farmers are about to be history and the large farm operations and corporate farmers will be all that is left. They get most of the government payments and the small farmer gets little to help him stay in business. just a few of my concerns thanks.

Question2:

Question3: Yes the program does encourages increases in farm size and the smaller or part time farmers dont get much of the payments. Why do large farmers and corporate farmers need payment programs. if they are good enough managers to get that big than they dont need it. The program should be helping the beginning farmers, small farmers and part time farmers. Lets set a limit on payments to farmers once they get to big or cut it out all together. i dont see a reason at all to support corporate farming. but with the current prices of crop you have to get bigger to make it in this business.

Question4: I think that the farm program payments should go to the farmers that leave a percentage of their land out each year for wild life and adding high residue to the land and not just mind them year after year. this would help prices and not producing so much carry over each year. Lets just be good stewards of the land and wildlife. make the farmers leave land out each year are do not get the payment or deversify the land. the current farm program minds the land and adds nothing back.

Question5: The federal program should give this money to each states department of agricultures to help the rural farming america grow. They know where the money should go and for what.

Question6: America needs to learn how to grow its own gas and deseil. we can not rely on other counties to do this for us. bioproducts are the item of the future. lets get started now using farm crops and biproducts.