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Question1: There are programs in place to forgive college debts of teachers and doctors serving rural areas. Why not forgive all or some of the college debt incurred by students studying either production agriculture, or some other agribusiness-related field of study? It's a vicious cycle. You need to be educated to get the most production and efficiency from your farm or ranch. But, your family can't afford your education. So, you take out loans, etc., to fund your education and end up in debt before you even start.

If not this idea, than change the requirements so that more federal education funding goes to farm kids. The school aid forms, as they are now, don't take into account that while the farm and its land may be worth a million dollars, the farm family is living below poverty and could use Pell grants and the like to get the education, to come back and make the farm profitable.

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Question6: If you cut research dollars to our land grant universities, you are pounding a nail in the coffin of U.S. agriculture. FFA and 4-H and cooperative extension are where you train the next generation of growers and ranchers. Our researchers must have the means of finding the newest advancements in production, of understanding better marketing options and the like. And, our youth need the lifelong learning they get from 4-H and FFA. Our rural leaders start in those organizations and will in the long run make your rural economies more successful with their training and experience.