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Question1: This is a toughie! I'm on our comp plan land use committee for Gem Co. and the city of Emmett. This is something we struggle with every meeting. I personally am a fifth generation cattle rancher and we still produce our own hay and grain for our livestock. On the other hand I do not want others to tell me I cannot sell my land to the highest bidder who, at the moment are developers. I am a strong proponent for land owner rights. The solution I see is that the government may have to buy the ag lands as they come up for sell, and then be leased backed to young farmers and ranchers AT A PRICE THAT THEY CAN MAKE A LIVING AT WITH A GOOD STANDARD OF LIVING!!!!

I do not for a moment believe that a rancher or farmer who has spent a lifetime of back breaking labor should be with out the money his ranch or farm can bring. Him/her and their spouse deserve some financial security in their retirement years and the land can buy that for them! It would help if our farm diesel was subsidized!!!!

Question2: Rescind NAFTA and any other similar agreements, put tariffs on imports even canada and mexico and promote american agriculture as the BEST!

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Question3: I do not know about "effectively" and "fairly" but I do know if you want to be realistic about prices and subsidies it needs to be MORE!

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Question4: I don't know exactly what to say here. My family has actually won awards for wildlife conservation and stewardship of the land. I think the vast majority of farmers and ranchers appreciate wildlife and it's environment, without to much incentive from and outside source. I think if you could just make agriculture pay for itself and provide a good standard of living for the operators the rest would take care of itself.

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