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Question1: The most important single factor in keeping small farms viable is to eliminate the inheritance tax. I know people that will be forced to "sell the farm" to pay the tax if it survives.

Question2: I did a study on the effects of NAFTA on Eastern Washington Agriculture in 1999. The results are devastating to small and marginal family farms, particularly with forest products and fruit. Canada floods our markets with timber products, and South America floods us with fruit. CAFTA will further increase this.

Question3:

Question4: I work in Urban Forestry with elementary students annually.

We take native trees and shrubs, a piece of literature we produce, potting soil and pots to about 2000 elementary students early each spring. We give them a classroom presentation, then let them go outside and pot a plant. they get to keep it and plant it if they want, or we will retrieve them and plant them in a park. We talk about air quality, cooler areas because of shade, the benefit to our Puget sound salmon in urban streams, and reduced crime rates in cities with great tree populations. Urban forestry is very important to our urban environment.

Question5: Continue to fund local universities, I. E. Washington State University, ag programs. The research they do and distribute is tremendous. Also make the information more readily available.

Question6: Tax considerations for organic farms and for renewable energy production. Brazil uses nearly all Alcohol fired cars, and are nearly oil independent.