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Question1: Unintended consequences???? There is no such thing as "farming" anymore due to the huge monopoly created by agribusiness corporations! Traditional farmer's can't compete with billion-dollar corporations. I think the USDA should end factory farming corp. monopolizing family farms and the Gov. should stop taking bribes by industry lobbyists.

Question2: If farmer's did not waste their resources on producing grains and other products to feed the thousands of animals bred for food consumption, then there would be enough crops to feed the world. That should be the first priority and then effective competition can begin.

Question3: The farm policy should identify some sort of moralistic business integrity. You should hire someone with actual morals and values to redesign the farming industry so family farms and rural communities can be re-established. Because no one in the USDA is capable of reforming any farm policy that does not benefit their own greed.

Question4: Approach the Bush Administration and force them to abolish their deal, that was passed earlier this year, that lets massive factory farms off the hook for any violations of air and toxic pollution right-to-know laws. Since factory farming places thousands of animals in a confined space, the effects on our environment should not be surprising to anyone. These animals produce massive amounts of waste which ends up in our drinking water, leaks into our rivers and streams, pollutes our air, and spreads disease. The new farm policy can help the EPA set up-to-date standards on factory farms. Stop farmers from constantly tilling grain for the animals and causing severe soil erosion. If the new policy would identify the fact that 90% of agricultural land in the US is presently used for meat, dairy and egg operations, then the land could be made available as human and wildlife habitat. This would be the best way to achieve conservation and environmental goals.

Question5: Start by abolishing factory farming and stop allowing industry lobbyists to dictate the laws. Agribusiness Corporations have created a "monopoly" forcing farmers out of business. They have taken farming away from families and rural communities. These corporations influence lawmakers to shape the laws so legitimate farmers cannot compete.

Question6: Attention to product quality would be a step in the right direction considering the USDA wants to lift the ban on downed animals, allowing diseased and dying livestock into the food supply. Expanding basic and applied research into the horrific conditions in the slaughterhouses and the "farms."