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Question1: Limit support payments based on a dollar amount. There are no new farmers in our area & other economic issues are too difficult to overcome. The new generation of farmers are the sons & daughters of the current. Their numbers diminish with the larger farms.

Question2: No comment - politics change everything.

Question3: I agree with the above. Base support on taking out of production as opposed to a program that provides an incentive of increased acres.

Question4: CRP - We cannot understand that movement is away from this program. The CRP program has been a positive economic force in rural Iowa. I have only positive remarks concerning the CRP, in fact, I question the integrity of those that are trying to limit or discontinue it. CRP is a voluntary program - use it to provide the price support for the farmer. If individuals do not wish to participate, it is their decision. Expand the program to include more desirable farm ground so everyone has an opportunity to participate. Field windbreaks with native grasses is an excellent example of expansion anyone could be involved in. The ecological effects would be enormous. The farmers support would be there if that is their choice. Economic benefits for our rural areas would not solely be based on the farmers production but on tourism and recreation also.

Question5: The rural landscape has already changed & there is no going back. Larger operations have produced less families & diversification. As with my comments above concerning the CRP, while forming your support for the farmer look for impacts they may make on the rural communities. It is no longer as simple as placing an extra dollar in the farmers pocket.

Question6: Supply/Demand - Support Universities & research centers to develop all possible avenues to increase demand for our products. We will change our products to adapt to the demand of the market.