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Question1: the present farmers in the u.s. have put into place so many rules that are bad for the rest of this country. they use pesticides, they feed drugs to the farm animals endlessly, the agribusiness industry has been so intent on profiting itself that it has lost all contact with healthy food for americans. the system is corrupt beyond belief at present and needs full revision. i would not encourage anyone to go into this business until the business is made to produce healthy food. at present, what it produces has far far too many problems. relying on voluntary reporting of toxic food is ridiculous - it must be mandatory and immediate. these are the kinds of anti-healthy things that the powerful agribusiness industry has put into place. prepared foods are being sold to americans laced with chemicals, fat and cholesterol. chickens are raised with drugs in them and abused during their raising. cows are made to produce 400% more milk than they did in 1950 keeping them perpetually pregnant. cows are fed chicken manure. the system is corrupt.

Question2: i think we need local grown healthy food. letting such unhealthy food be produced in america has caused american food to be shunned. we need organic food. even now the organic standards are being attacked to make them less healthy. this continual assault by profiteers against healthy standards is hurting americans.

Question3: we are operating with federal agriculture laws that were passed in the 1930's. it is certainly important to simplify them, and bring them up to 2005 standards. the policies right now are not fair to consumers. paying tobacco farmers is absolutely ludicrous. absolutely ludicrous. they produce a harmful products and american taxpayers are subsidizing them???? - ridiculous.

most farmers/agribusiness are much more wealthy than the average consumer. most farm payments are made to million dollar companies and not the small farmer, who is usually a better producer. we need small farms back with humane standards and no toxic pesticide/herbicide chemicals being used on them. agribusiness has polluted this whole farm economy and our country.

Question4: i do not want our forest lands lost to agribusiness. it is clear that usda and its profiteer friends has consistently lobbied against any rules that would promote clean air and water. they seem unable to operate in the u.s. without extensive use of toxic chemicals to grow food, all of which makes cancer the number one killer of americans today. this is not good stewardship at all, but disgusting stewardship. i see no real leadership for health or safety in the present usda or its profiteer friends in agribusiness.

Question5: i do not think taxpayers money should be used to "invest in infrastructure" more than it has. usda already gets a very high percentage of the federal budget and the results of that spending has not appreciably helped th ehealth or safety of americans.

Question6: we need to clearly look at laws that govern agriculture that

were crafted in the 1930's and amended little by little over the years so that we have a hodgepodge of laws that make this whole subject secret and out of the public's reach. it is clear this is not a matter for 1930 anymore. we have endless genetically altered crops being approved that have no long term testing done on them. they are usually done in secret tests so that the neighbors dont even know what is going on next door, a real assault on the environment and on what neighbors should be entitled to know when you have potentially destructive products being moved next door.