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Question1:

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Question4: Recognizing that the vast majority of Americans now reside and work in urban areas, there is increasing need for trees to be concentrated in those settings to offset the impacts of pollution and the heat island effect, improve air quality, and reduce energy usage.

Farm policy should strongly encourage and support the growth and development of sound, professional urban forest management programs in all American cities and towns - regardless of population size.

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Question6: Recognizing that the vast majority of Americans now live and work in urban areas, there needs to be additional research in support of enhancing urban forestry. The primary areas include:

* Air quality and the science and benefit of trees towards improving air quality and reducing pollution.

* Disease and insect response ?(i.e. emerald ash borer, asian longhorn beetle, formosan termite)

* New urban species genetics ? grow better trees that can perform well in urban settings, with reduced fruit and pollen

* Hardscape materials ? development of improved materials and installation methodologies that are more compatible with tree growth

* The economic benefit of trees. Demonstrate that trees are a good investment for the environment and health of urban areas.