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Question1: tax laws that recognise ag land and forest land as productive resource land and not tax as development .

Question2: none.

Question3: catogorize farm size and gear incentives toward land by decreasing scale as acres go up.

Question4: incentives for forestry are essential. Tree Growth is a very long term proces that few owners see in profit from investment . They are investing for future generations. The FLEP program needs to be increased. It needs to continue to be funded through USDAFS. The NRCS WHIP program is good too but it is too cumbersome for bonified forest owners .

Question5: through strong NRCS programs and technical assistance. One on one help is the greatest thing and gets more return for the dollar spent. RC&D programs historically involve a coalition of local groups and rreturns about 1.50 for each \$1 spent.

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