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Question1: Farm policy should limit the amount of land farmed by large corporate "factory farms" so that new American family farmers can compete within their own country. This will ultimately be better for the land itself.

Question2: Incentives and allowances for U.S. farmers to pay a better living wage for farm workers while still keeping prices competitive

Question3: The small family farmer should get more assistance, not less, than the large factory farms. With more opportunities for crop insurance, individual farmers can provide for their families without worrying about crop failures due to climate or other unforeseeable circumstances, and not have to go out of business.

Question4: The support of the National Urban & Community Forestry program is crucial to achieving conservation and environmental goals. At a time when urban forestry is gaining momentum as a science and profession, and as urban foresters conduct more research to show local and state governments that trees are a part of a community's green infrastructure, it is imperative that the program be continued on a national level. Local communities need the national urban forestry program to assist in developing state and local programs.

Question5: By supporting individual family farmers more, farmers will be less likely to hand over their land to developers of low-density residential communities that don't have the infrastructure support to begin with.

Question6: Incentives should be considered for farmers of organic produce, to help prices become more competitive and more available to the American public. Credits for growing crops for renewable or reduced-emission energy products are positive but a more careful analysis of these energy products is needed, i.e. ethanol vs. biodiesel.