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Question1:

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Question3: As a consumer who does not farm, I oppose price supports and other measures used to encourage or discourage production of certain agricultural products. This kind of government intervention in markets leads to longterm disfunctionality. We need to move away from this approach to farming.

Question4: One of the most important environmental concerns about agriculture is the contamination of ground and surface water with chemicals such as herbicides and pesticides. There is also the issue of genetic alteration of seeds which can contaminate the nearby fields of farmers who choose not to use such seed in order to farm organically and/or preserve heritage type seeds. Please address these issues and help make it possible to farm in the old ways.

Question5:

Question6: Again, I am opposed to government support of economic activity. We can best encourage alternative products by gradually removing govt involvement in traditional agriculture as we have been doing since the 30's. I am amazed at the growth of organic farming even without govt help; imagine what could happen if all farmers could make their decisions based on what the market is dictating rather than on what the govt dictates! It would be a difficult transition, but I have a lot of faith in the ingenuity of hardworking farmers.