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Question1:

Question2: I believe that US Farm policy in the global marketplace has harmed other countries. By subsidizing grain production in the US, then forcing other countries to buy it, the local people in those countries become dependant on the US, when in the past, they have been able to produce their own food.

Question3: I believe that these programs should be eliminated. By having these programs, farmers are encouraged to only farm one crop. Without these programs, farmers would be encouraged to farm multiple crops and possibly cater to local markets - something that is much easier for a smaller farmer. As transportation costs increase, local markets will become more important. Farmers will need to produce diverse crops to feed local markets.

Question4: Smaller farms are less harmful to the environment and should be encouraged. Also crop diversity is good for the environment and should be encouraged.

Programs that support sustainable forestry should be encouraged - especially urban forestry, where the end product is clean air / water and improved environment.

Question5: Encouraging local food would help rural economies. Instead of producing huge amounts of food in areas far from urban centers, we should encourage rural areas near urban centers to provide for the local residents. As transportation costs rise, this will be necessary.

These farms on the urban fringe are also experiencing the most pressure to urbanize.

Question6: The bill should address the importance of urban forests. As energy costs increase, the farm bill can address the needs of urbanites by encouraging a tree canopy. Research into the effects of Global Warming on our trees and other crops should also be encouraged. Although crops change annually, forest last for hundreds of years. Climate change could devastate our urban and rural forests having incredible economic and quality of life impact.