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Question1:

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Question3: The disproportionate distribution of programs and benefits to commodity crops should be realigned to represent and support specialty crop producers, including organic producers. Increased support of production and marketing research is critical, and redistribution of commodity crop funding (research, price support) would provide ample funding.

Question4: Increased support of organic production research is critical in this area. Organic production methods are producing comparable yields to conventional systems without the deleterious environmental impacts.

The Organic Farming Research Foundation's report on research funding (less than 0.1 percent of USDA research portfolio) for organic farming reveals the serious misalignment of research dollars spent relative to the size and growth patterns of the organic farming industry.

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