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Question1:

Question2: While there are no doubt organizations that help to facilitate contact in established areas, it would also be helpful to create educational and travel grants for farmers who want to study a potential exchange region, learn emerging technologies relevant to such trade, and make long-term contacts there through travel.

Question3: I would like to see shifts in farm support: more incentives provided for smaller farms.

Question4: As someone who lives in a farming region and is affected by farming practices (for example through groundwater supplies for our city), I would strongly support the inclusion of incentives for healthy environmental conditions. Anything that makes farmers our partners rather than adversaries, regarding present and future community & environmental health, is the best for all. See also question 6; it seems that there are overlaps in policymaking potential.

Question5:

Question6: There are plenty of obvious reasons to support these activities. Organic farming & renewable energy options, for example, would link up nicely to Question 4 above, so you'd address two issues at once by supporting & xpanding these opportunities for farming. I have often heard people in this area say that they'd like to support alternative practices but do not see practical incentives offered for them: here's our chance.