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Question1: First and foremost, Congress and the USDA must confront the unintended consequences of the commodity program scheme. Congress needs to enact and then the USDA must implement payment limitations (in general, the \$250,000 cap as part of the Grassley-Dorgan Bill) to discipline an unruly payment system that increases the price of land and makes it prohibitive for the next generation of farmers to get a start.

Question2: I urge the USDA to support Fair Trade Agreements that ensure that all countries achieve domestic food security by developing their own farm and food policies that respond to the needs of their farmers and consumers.

The USDA should develop and support more programs that encourage local and direct-market opportunities and encourage regional marketing programs.

Finally, Congress and the USDA must ensure that the DOJ enforces anti-trust legislation to ensure that the domestic and global market is not dominated by a few transnational corporations.

Question3: Congress and the USDA must implement payment limitations and put the budget savings into programs like the CSP that are available to all farmers and also support the sustainability of the land's resources.

I urge the USDA to also take the savings from payment limitations to commodity growers and consider supporting vegetable and fruit growers so that more nutritious food is available to more people.

Question4: First and foremost, Congress must appropriate the full amount of mandatory funding granted to the CSP program in 2002. Then the USDA must ensure a response to public comment on how the CSP program is implemented and that it is in keeping with the program's initial mandate.

Question5: The USDA should support the development of micro and small-business development in rural communities.

It must also make entrepreneurship a priority for Extension programming.

USDA must demand full funding for programs like SARE that research and promote farms that are practicing sustainably.

Support programs that integrate rural community development, economic development, and agriculture.

Question6: Continue to support the USDA Value Added Producer Grants Program and support additional efforts to build cooperatives and other initiatives to link those consumers with family farmers who have what they want.