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Question1: Land prices have always been too high for a new farmer to start out. My dad rented ground for 30 years before he was able to buy his first farm. No one will ever start farming unless they can make a profit and that is very hard to do. I am 38 years old and farm 900 acres and I will probably have to quit or find another job this year, so unless we get some federal assistance this year or commodities go way up I won't be around in 2007 and there is no way a young farmer can start out in today's farming world.

Question2: Opening trade with Cuba would be the best thing that could happen for a rice farmer in Arkansas.

Question3: Crop Insurance is a joke. All of the money goes to the insurance companies very few farmers in our area ever collect. We irrigate everything so we never have a crop failure. The diesel fuel and fertilizer prices are killing us. I think the payments should go with the land if you want to farm 500 acres or 5000 acres it should not matter you are the one with the risk I think the current bill is very fair.

Question4: All of the current conservation programs are doing a good job.

Question5: If the farmer can make a living the rural areas will grow if not we will have to move out and do something else and the rural areas will dry up. We just need to be able to make a living not get rich just support our families.

Question6: I like the soy diesel and ethanol anything to help us save oil should be done.