



USDA Farm Bill Forum

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I grew up in SE. Colorado. I have seen my family's farm/ranch business sold due to the cost of farming/ranching. I since have attained a college degree in Food Technology here @ CSU in hopes I would be able to find work in the food/farm/rural industries. I find this very difficult. I also view my own children/grand children suffering from low income, housing & cost of food & fuel keep us below poverty level with little to no help available to us. >

I wish to express concern of the growing numbers of people leaving the rural areas (whether farmer/ranchers or just enjoying the life of country living) to live in the urban/city areas. We must make it possible for people to make these choices (where to live) without the undue pressures of cost of fuel. I believe and many folks I know support my beliefs that we are making our "country" and people very vulnerable to things like disease/germ warfare/bio warfare etc.

By allowing the cost of "fuel" to force us to live in over crowded city/urban areas, I also see our farm lands being "eaten up" by urban growth (caused largely from above reasons). This is happening all over this country not just here in Colorado.

Farmers can no longer afford to farm/ranch and with little to no incentive to stay on the farm are tempted to sell these lands @ the inflated value (due to expanding urban land wants) rather than stay in this hard lifestyle of farming/ranching.

The small farm is no longer possible. Period. The only farmers/ranchers able to stay are the large cooperations. We need some kind of incentive to get our families back to the country.

I think the most important issue facing us is alternative fuel. The cost of all energy must be "reduced". I believe "control" of cost is no longer good enough. I am watching a great country dying! There must be change!

much more than fuel.

we are losing so much from this trend