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Question1: There are many young people wanting to enter farming and ranching, urban, suburban and rural youth. The present subsidy programs encourage old people to stay in ag. Cut ag subsidies, especially those that go to farmers now receiving over \$50,000. Encourage landowners to rent to young farmers, renting works better than buying.

Question2: Our shipping ag products to foreign lands destroys their farmers, while enriching ADM, Bunge, Cargill, Tyson and the other multi-nationals. Farm programs that encourage excess production of products is not economical. Importing cheaper products from foreign countries is not in our best interests, even tho ADM, Bunge, Cargill, et.al. want it to make more money for themselves. We need to let short commodities encourage more production naturally, domestically.

Question3: Do away with assistance, as New Zealand has done. Let the market drive production. When we have stable prices, the multinationals increase their control of the marketplace, instability favors the producers and entrepreneurs. If you can't find a better way, then give each bonafide farmer \$50,000 a year and nothing more, no loan programs, no LDP's, no disaster payments, just \$50,000 and if you can't live on that, starve.

Question4: 75% cost share of conservation activities, ie., terracing, grass strips.

Question5: You won't have an increase in rural economies until you get more young families back into agriculture. Increase the young population and the infrastructure will come. You put in the infrastructure in and don't get young people-- then you've just pissed our money away. Don't add anymore services for the old people, we need them to retire and move on-- when an 80 year old is still driving tractor and thinking they need more land and more money, then we have a problem. Don't pay subsidies to anyone over 60 years old. We lose more land because an old person can't work cattle anymore but can plow up the grass, get a subsidy and farm, usually while starving a young family that works for him. You can quit making it comfortable for old people to farm.

Question6: Get young people on the land, then get the hell out of the way!!! More problems have been created by government than you ever attempted to solve. When you let ADM, Bunge, Cargill, Tyson, et.al. write the rules and influence the programs, then you get all the programs directing the money and produce to them. An example; most consumers want country of origin labeling-- Tyson is against it for many self-enriching reasons, so USDA is against it. USDA is for mandatory livestock ID, so they will know where every animal is, it's age, it's sex, and so USDA can let (unintentionally of course) the packers know this confidential information at times so the packers can make more money.