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Question1: One of the biggest problems is the decreasing amount of farm land available. As the price of land increases, good farm land is being sold for other uses, therefore decreasing what is available and driving the price of land up even further.

Question2: As other countries are being encouraged to raise their own meat and food, which they need to do, I wonder about how much USA grown products will be wanted in other countries. The debate over antibiotics used in animals, pesticide usage, animal rights and other issues seem to effect what other countries buy. Also, how important is the idea of importing food from other countries in a large scale. It seems that our country is exporting a lot of jobs. Will our food and agricultural functions be exported too?

Question3:

Question4: I really don't know how to respond to this question. I do know that when farmers are denied water rights because of a fish, something is terribly wrong. Crops won't grow w/o water. Denying water rights to farmers is akin to denying leather to leather shoe makers. It doesn' make sense. Somehow, there must be a balance between the environmental issues and the necessities of farming.

Question5: Where I live, the rural areas are disappearing. Another question to ask is how do you keep the rural areas from being swallowed by developments.

Question6: