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Question1: Define the buzzword term used so much for political sympathy ?Family Farm?. Do these family farms include receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars in subsidies, multi million dollar net worth, one person operating several farms on books? Corporate farming. A huge reason U.S. farmers cannot compete in world markets is because land costs are so high. Allow farmland to come to a production value. Intervention by government subsidies create loopholes for farmers to gain advantage over neighbor farms. Higher farm income will not sustain a population of farmers on the land long term. Spring wheat is about \$3.50 / bushel and farmland sells for about \$2,000 per acre with a county yield of 39 bushels. I assure you if wheat were a fictitious ten dollars per bushel you would NOT buy the same land for 6-8 thousand dollars per acre. What good does it do for food policy that farmland is valued so high and farmers leave behind huge estates. The returns on land attract investors competing for farmland raising cost of production. Concentration in agriculture is not only Cargail merging with Cenex Harvest States but more importantly farmer taking over neighbor farmer leaving no room for anyone new to enter production agriculture. It has become if you are not born into a farming operation it is impossible to enter. Fierce competition for farmland is the largest detriment to young beginning farmers entering production agriculture. Eliminate loopholes and allow land to be priced at what it will produce. Ag policy should not owe anything to investors.

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