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Question1: The farm subsidy payments should only be given to keep a stable supply of food, basically it should only be given on grains and beans. cotton can be substituted with other products and if the gov. got out of the program then maybe we would see higher prices worldwide. The u.s. should always have a certain level of grain reserves on hand and in storage. The less gov. the better.

Question2: The best way to deal with these markets are on a political basis. What is the deal when we refuse to bring in pistachios from Iran yet China is allowed to bring many products into the u.s as members of the world trade org. They are not a democracy, and they would like to see u.s. destroyed one way or another and our policies are allowing this. You have to be consistent with how you deal with all of the countries.

Question3: You need to distinguish between farms and the agribusiness industry. We now had a new industry out there that is a far cry from a family farm and these agribusiness industries should have to stand on their own without subsidies

Question4: There are plenty of regulations in place already and more coming, Don't put another chain around the industries neck. We see what happens when the gov. manages forest there is absolutely no benefit and then we watch them burn in the long run and there are no natural resource made for commercial use when they manage the forest or for that matter the environmentalist who help pass bad laws to create these tinder box situations.

Question5: Rural America will make a comeback but it won't be done by the government it will be done by people who long for a certain type of culture that is why they call it agriculture, The one thing they could do is to make access to internet technology inexpensive by providing low cost satellite to people who live in rural places.

Question6: They shouldn't be in the farm bill. They should be in education bills so that universities can continue to work with ag-industry people to develop these new uses.