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Question1: Modern farmers encounter enough problems with starting new agricultural undertakings without the addition of the capitalization of program benefits into land prices. If we are to assist them in creating new agricultural offerings, why would we saddle them with an additional expense to an already expensive undertaking? Instead of adding financial expenses, the farmers should be offered incentives to start new farms and ranches. This is what our agricultural system was founded on, though we have not continued this type of support. It is time to turn the tide and take back our agriculture from that of other countries.

Question2: Once again, by offering incentives, educational programs for new farmers, and the ability to join the global market would enhance our country's agricultural system. Our reliance on food from other nations is devastating our own citizens who are attempting to offer the same produce. In addition, we do not export as much agriculture as we import.. A balance must be struck between importing and exporting in order to create a concrete and lucrative U.S. agricultural system.

Question3: Assistance should be distributed by size and production. Historically, small, independent farmers have been put out of business by large agricultural corporations. This does not offer incentives for small farmers and ranchers to compete in the global market.

Question4: Offering financial incentives to farmers who allow a portion of their land to lie fallow. These areas could be rotated annually or every 3 years, in order to maintain maximum health for the soil and crops that are grown.

Question5: The best way Federal rural and farm programs can provide effective assistance is through subsidies.

Question6: More attention and funding should be given to organic farmers and those who are provideing 'specdialty' crops, which are currently imported from other countries. If we are to maintain a strong stance in the agricultural market, we must be flexible enough to keep current and future needs in mind.