

USDA 2007 FARM BILL FORUM in NEBRASKA

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Please respond to the following six questions. Space permits (below or reverse side) to respond, or add your own comments about other 2007 farm bill suggestions.

- 1) How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers/ranchers and the next generation of farmers/ranchers from entering production agriculture?

I am 39 years old and farm about 1,100 acres and when land comes for rent or sale it seems it is always the top 4 or 5 farm Bill money earners who are doing the top bidding young farmers and small farmers are shut out of the process

- 2) ~~How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?~~

In a time of needed budget cuts I think it is important to limit the farm payments, this would include strictly controlling farms that are under different entities.

- 3) How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?

I believe in Federal Crop Ins, we need to strongly subsidize this program

- 4) How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?

I do know that in eastern Nebraska it is getting harder to re-entrail ground into the CRP = I think CRP is an effective program

- 5) ~~How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?~~

We need to be able to LDP our grain earlier in the year when LDP's are historically better, this is usually before we can start to harvest

- 6) How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

I think Ethanol plants and companies need to be able to mix and market their own ethanol blends without going thru Big Oil companies

The public is welcome to submit their comments via the USDA Farm Bill Forums website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill> or by mailing comments to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250-3355. Comments should be submitted by Dec. 30, 2005.

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