

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?

Before Hurricane Katrina I paid \$1.89 for E85. After Katrina, E85 shot up to \$2.69. Is anyone looking into why E85 went up 80¢ a gallon. This is the stations located in Grand Island, Nebraska

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

Considering that corn prices went down 16¢ a bushel, at the same time, it looks to me as if someone was price gouging.

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

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

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

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

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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