

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?

What we need are higher loan rate prices and higher LDPs. If we want agriculture to continue farmers need higher prices. Please do not cut the farm program.

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

Propose better benefits for farmers. Higher loan prices and higher LDPs. The cost of production continues to rise (energy, machinery, fertilizer, chemicals, seed...) but crop prices do not.

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

Maybe a maximum benefit per farmer. Osborne proposed this before, but the big businesses lobbied to stop it.

- 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?

All farmers need are higher crop prices please improve and increase it. Remember you from a farm & a farm state, please help the farmers

- 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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