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Question1:

Question2: Since many countries, such as France and Japan, have much more rigorous standards for the quality of the produce and animal products that they import and grow, the American farmer must rise to those standards. We must outlaw the cruelest practices: allowing sick animals to go through slaughter, putting pregnant sows into cramped pens where they can't even turn around, putting calves into veal crates and making them anemic and prone to diarrhea, and confining battery hens to cages and force-moulting them. All these measures make the foreign consumer shun our products. We must treat these animals better on the farms, as well as in transporting them to slaughter, and at the slaughterhouse.

Question3: Generally speaking, it's agribusiness that benefits from our farm programs but the animals on those factory farms suffer the most, and the food grown on those giant farms the most heavily sprayed and manipulated. We must support the family farmer who grows local produce and treats his or her animals humanely. This would give the farmer, the consumer, and the animals a fairer chance. With more healthful food, we all benefit from a lower health care burden. With locally grown produce and locally raised animal products, the economy is not so dependent on oil.

Question4: Again, it's in the areas around the factory farms where the soil and water suffer most from massive rivers of sewage, clouds of methane, and toxic residues from such practices as over-loading the feed with antibiotics and growth hormones, and intensively spraying the crops with pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. What area can survive and thrive if this is your neighbor? Again, preserve the small, local farmers and give the animals a better quality of life, so that they don't have to be dosed so heavily to withstand the stress of living in cramped but enormous factory farms.

Question5:

Question6: The idea of more organic foods entering the market is one whose time has come. Organic foods are becoming much more popular with the general public, and support should be given to the farmer who chooses to go this way. Renewable energy such as solar and wind make the most sense for farms, where you can count on having one or the other. Tidal power also would be beneficial for the coastal farms.