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Question1: I don't see how anyone would want to enter into the farming industry as it is overrun by the corporate agriculture giants such as Monsanto and the American Farm Bureau. The rural farmer can't even make a decent profit when it has to compete with "cheap" meat being produced by corporate farms. Not to mention that cheap meat also means inhumanely raised animals - what's American about that?

Question2: American and foreign consumers care about how farm animals are treated. But the US has fallen far behind many other countries in setting minimum standards for the welfare of animals on farms, in transport and at slaughter. The USDA should propose eliminating the most egregious factory farming practices, such as crates for pregnant sows and veal calves and battery cages for laying hens.

Question3: Current subsidies benefit large producers that subject animals to intensive confinement, mutilations and aversive handling techniques. The USDA should stop providing financial assistance to producers that participate in practices shown by scientific research to be inhumane.

Question4: Eliminating factory farming practices will benefit both animal welfare and the environment. USDA should propose setting minimum space allowances that provide animals with the freedom to perform natural behaviors and also protect the environment by reducing pollution and waste disposal problems.

Question5: Again, see my point for question #1.

Question6: A stronger attention to organic crops/livestock needs to happen. We've lost the quality in quality meat. People care where their meat comes from and most don't want a bioengineered crop or growth enhanced meat on their plate. We need to get back to our roots and raising our food to be real - not manufactured.