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Question1: Farm policy needs to support the small farmer with a bill that supports their endeavors. Smaller farms can mean more diversity of product including smaller organic farms which is better for the environment. Smaller farms empower people as well, so that the large agricultural corporations aren't making all the decisions that affect huge masses of land across states.

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: Federal rural farm programs must support smaller more independent farms that empower citizens in rural settings. Empowered smaller farmers will be able to make decisions that are more sustainable than those of the larger corporations since their primary concern is profit.

Question6: There should be lots of support for those farmers wishing to farm organically, and without GMO's. Research should be concentrated on effective organic farming and educating farmers in crop diversity which is better for the land, and means more security for them in case one crop fails.