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Question1: U.S. farm policy should help U.S. farmers be the most innovative and successful farmers in the world by exploring the power of organic farming and efficient land use. If consumers can be convinced that U.S. produce is the highest quality available, then sales will be up and land prices won't be such an important issue.

Question2: Care and treatment of farm animals is an extremely crucial issue.

Americans -- and foreign consumers -- care about how farm animals are treated. The problem is that the U.S. has fallen way behind other countries in establishing minimum standards for the welfare of animals on farms, in transport and at slaughter. The USDA should eliminate the most egregious factory farming practices, such as crates for pregnant sows and veal calves and battery cages for laying hens.

This kind of change in policy would help the U.S. maximize its competitiveness.

Question3: Current subsidies benefit CAFOs -- factory farms and large producers that subject animals to horribly inhumane conditions -- 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 farm practices that are seen on CAFOs would benefit the environment and spare countless animals from unnecessary suffering. The USDA should set 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: The U.S. government should help rural farms and protect them from the ever-spreading sprawl of housing developments. The Federal government should absolutely invest in the rural infrastructure.

Question6: USDA should do everything in its power to encourage the growth of organic crops and organic farm practices.