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Question1: Land that is currently farmed should be held in "farmland preservation" to ensure that the value remains constant. If land prices are lowered- factory farming will be our main source of agricultural based income. This would be a monopoly and seriously effect the smaller farmer.

Question2: Our products need to be of the highest quality. Being in a world market does not mean that we need to sacrifice the conditions of our environment and animals to mass market products.

Question3: Cap the current assistance that is being given out to large scale farmers. This will keep the large scale producers from lowering the market value and give fair assistance to all.

Question4: It depends on what your product is. If it is the milling of paper, than recycling is the obvious answer. If it is the meat industry, then strict regulations need to be enforced to reduce the amount of toxins that are poisoning the air through animal waste. If we are talking about crops, then organic farming and recycling the water would be a good start.

Question5: Give them tax breaks or farmstead rebates. Let the farmer continue to do his job in rural areas, but reward the farmers that adhere to conservation and environmentally safe processes. Why are we not making organic farming a mandate? The environment is being poisoned with pesticides without consequence.

Question6: First, I believe that the issue of the blatant disregard for animal health and humane treatment needs to be recognized. With the scare of mad cow and bird flu, animals should no longer be factory farmed- there needs to be a move to get back to open air, free movement farming. Farmers should be rewarded for their ability to adhere to high environmental standards and humane treatment of animals- even if they are considered a "product". Perhaps a stronger move towards organic farming could be pushed to give increased value to crops and a higher return to the farmer.