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Question1:

Question2: I am a member of the LaSalle County Farm Bureau in Illinois.

I know I speak for myself and my friends in this county when I say that we care about the well-being of farm animals. Yet all too often I have witnessed some horrible atrocities perpetuated on these animals. I would like us to maximize U.S. competitiveness but not at the expense of animal welfare. While other countries in the world can see the inhumanity in battery caged hens, veal crates and caging of pregnant sows, the U.S. farming community tends to turn a blind eye to this animal suffering. Farm policy should be designed to make these types of cruelties illegal so that those farmers who wish to treat their livestock humanely can compete on a level playingfield.

Question3: Without a doubt, the current farm support system encourages increases in farm size and disproportionately benefits large farms. To alleviate this problem, the USDA should no longer provide financial assistance to factory farms.

Question4: This is a very serious issue. The USDA can best achieve these goals by enacting policies such as setting minimum space allowances for livestock that provides the animals with the freedom to perform natural behaviors and also protect the environment by reducing pollution and waste disposal problems.

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