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Question1: I personally was a new farmer 20 years ago and there were no programs available at the time of my entry into Agriculture. But I have witnessed many young farmers use the programs since and it seems that the ones who use it are always the ones who dont really need it in the first place. Sons of existing large farmers for example. I think the best way for government to help start young farmers is to give the financial benefit to an existing retiring farmer who is willing to help a young farmer get started. Either through loan guarantees or payments to offset the high price of land so they could sell it to a young farmer at a lower cost. Too many farmers complain about the big producers their whole life only to be forced to sell to them when they retire because they were made an offer they couldnt refuse. This is also brought about by no payment limits to speak of and the Gov. essentially subsidizing the purchases of land for large producers.

Question2: Level the Playing field for US farmers. Demand that other countries except our products if they want us to import theirs. Put restrictions on the amount of control Bio-tech private companys have over producers

Question3: Payment limits that actually are enforced. I understand that it is difficult for a politician to vote against the very person who is buttering his bread so to speak, but the farm program as it is today and has been for the past 10-15 years has done more to the destruction of the family farm than anything else. When a large producer who is using 2% OF his net revenue for living expense receives a 500,000 dollar farm program payment he uses it to by the neighbors farm away. When a family farmer who uses 80% of his net revenue for living expenses recieves his 40,000 dollar farm program payment he uses it to by groceries at the local grocery store. Not Rocket science.

Question4: Producers shouldnt be paid to be good stewards of the land they should be required to be. As is already being done make conservation a requirement before they can recieve Farm Program Payments. You cant make a bad environmentalist a good one by paying him. He will just be a bad environmentalist with government money.

Question5: The systemactic destruction of the family farm because of a lack of payment limits has done more harm to the small town than anything else. Large producers go around local suppliers because they can. It is simple, the faster the family farmer goes away the faster the small towns will also. Correct the current fiasco of payment limit loopholes and you can immediately slow down the demise of the rural communities.

Question6: The farm bill cannot be everything, somethings are better left to private industry. Keep fair price support in place and let private industry solve this problem