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Question1:

Question2: We need to treat animals humanely and respectfully, not just because other nations do so and expect us to do likewise, or they won't buy from us, but because it is the right thing to do.

Question3: All farmers should have equal access to program benefits; fair benefits should be available to all equally and not just to the larger farms. If lower market prices are the result of animals being inhumanely cared for, then maybe we need to reconsider our options. We could eat less meat or pay a higher price for it, knowing that the animals are respectfully cared for and insist on that kind of legislation. I am wondering how much profit farmers really need to keep in business.

Question4: Sometimes, observing correct methods for water conservation can be expensive in the short run but in the long run, it is wise to take care of the environment--it is the only place we have to live, as far as I know. Pollution endangers the way we live. If we want to survive, we need to conserve and check our water, air and soil. Our earth's safety from pollution is simply the bottom line.

Question5: Federal rural and farm programs can provide effective assistance in rural areas by asking about what farmers need to be competitive, while adhering to guidelines that keep conservation and environmental concerns first as well as humane treatment of the animals. Perhaps a committee of people who really know about the land, conservation, the environment and who also care for animals could establish the correct code of conduct which the government would listen to in dispersing funds for farmers and their needs.

Question6: The next farm bill needs to be based on ethical policies created by a committee of people who care about our planet and our animals; I suggested this committee in the above answer.