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Question1:

Question2: In today's world American and foreign consumers care about how farm animals are treated. Despite this fact, the US has fallen far behind many other countries in setting minimum standards for the welfare of animals on farms, in transport and at slaughter. I believe the USDA should propose eliminating the most egregious factory farming practices, such as crates for pregnant sows and veal calves and battery cages for laying hens.

Question3: Subsidies should not be given to those producers that subject animals to inhumane conditions such as intensive confinement, mutilations and aversive handling techniques. The USDA should stop providing financial help to producers that participate in practices that the majority of Americans would find inhumane.

Question4: Eliminating factory farming practices will benefit both animal welfare and the environment! The USDA should propose strict standards reducing the amount of water and air pollution that factory farms can produce. Factory farms are huge polluters and there is virtually no regulation over them.

Question5: The USDA should invest in long-term, environmentally sound technologies that reduce our dependence on limited natural resources.

Question6: Focus on producing more organic and humanely raised food! I know our local health food stores are always crowded despite the higher prices. For example, I pay \$5 a gallon for milk just because it's organic & the cows had access to fresh air and were not confined to a cage all day. The market for healthy, free-range, organic food is definately out there & continues to grow stronger every day! Please continue to invest in humanely raised, organic products.