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Question1: N/A

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Question3: Set rigid caps on income and link benefits with good land stewardship.

Question4: Benefits need to be linked to strong conservation practices.

These conservation practices must be determined at a local level.

Having regional wildlife biologist on staff for oversight might be

fruitful. There needs to be more flexibility in conservation programs.

Plans that work well for one region are poor for other regions.

Benefits need to encourage and support landscape biodiversity rather than diminish it. Restoration of wetlands must be a requisite to receive any farm benefits. Should be a moratorium on installation of drainage tile.

Question5: Most entrepreneurial farmers lack the safety net of commodity subsidized farmers. There should be a limited program in each area that encourages introduction of new crops and/or cropping systems which add diversity to the agricultural landscape.

Question6: Supporting new agricultural ventures during the first few years is critical to establishing new markets. Therefore giving more support upfront to help make the transition period safer may be a start.