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Question1:

Question2: To effectively compete in foreign markets in this day and age means to be socially and morally responsible. Unfortunately, when it comes to agricultural practices, the U.S. standards are far below what we as a advanced country should have. Our "factory farming" of animals and the standards which are tolerated are clearly archaic. From veal and gestation crates to battery cages for hens, we are allowing not only cruel practices but also unsanitary conditions. The USDA should eliminate these practices. We appear to be a country of babarians when it comes to animal husbandry.

Question3: The small or organic farmer has no chance in this industry.

As a matter of fact, the family farm simply does not exist today.

Americans' image of the family farm and the grazing cattle is a myth.

Only big industrial companies are in the business now and the subsidizing of farmers that was originally meant to help "family farms" is only benefiting corporations. The USDA needs to reevaluate subsidy programs and truly support the small or organic farms.

Question4: Factory farming is the worst contributor to environmental and conservation issues. Not only are resources depleted but waste is accumulating at rates we can not keep up with. Factory farming is an evil that needs to be addressed by the USDA. Big companies have gotten away with too much and conservation is not one of their goals.

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