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Dear Sir, The U.S. Congress and Senate in consort with USDA, Farm Bureau, various grower organizations and ag-industry corporate interests have succeeded in creating the most capital in-efficient agriculture on the planet, unable to compete in world markets. More and more capital efficient smaller farmers are being driven out of business leaving the capital in-efficient much larger farmers demanding more taxpayer money(i.e. higher payment-limitation) with every new farm bill while refusing to plant responsibly as market prices would dictate. And the answer is: go through the pain NOW. Phase out present programs and do not backslide. Put in place crop insurance that pays CBOT prices based on running 5 year production averages. "Why?", you ask. Every time payment limitations are raised the cost of farming inputs goes up; until, gradually, successive levels of smaller sized farmers have their profits squeezed out and they are out of business. The only real threat to farmers is natural disaster. I find it ironic that Farm Bureau continues to support higher and higher payment limitations when only a small percentage of its members would actually benefit and a much larger percentage of its members are actually hurt by them. The glaring fact that there are fewer and fewer farmers every year is prima facie evidence that present and past farm programs are and have been miserable failures. It is no surprise that the corporate farm lobby is the real beneficiary of farm programs, and as such, contribute enormous amounts of money to insure their continuance. So, put in your earplugs and JUST DO IT!-----John T Bienvenu-rice farmer

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