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Question1: One of the main factors in preventing young farmers from succeeding and expanding is the CRP program. The payment rates need to be addressed. They are higher than what a reasonable lease would be and have essentially rewarded some farmers who are poor managers. Land prices and lease prices have been artificly increased due to the high CRP payments.

Question2:

Question3:

Question4: I personally have experienced negative results from some of the conservation programs. The equip program truely rewards some farmers for not helping themselves. ex: we use sprinklers for irrigation and are not eligible for some benefits because we have already changed to sprinklers. It is a complex issue and needs to be addressed in a more direct manner.

The new CSP program is restricting growth also. If a farmer is not eligible when offered, they have to wait 7 to 8 years for the next signup. This does not promote the program but hinders it.

Question5: Address your current programs.

CRP - It has essentially forced rural america into depression.

Question6: