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Question1: Legislation needs to recognise that farms need to produce food as free as possible from antibiotics and hormones. The only way to achieve this is to ensure that farm animals have plenty of space and clean air. This requires more land than is currently available to agriculture. Legislation needs to ensure that there is a balance between the amount of live stock and the land utilised, and ensure that taxes and rebates are applied in this respect.

Question2: There should be an immediate ban on any meat coming into the US that is not free-range, or uses antibiotics or hormones as part of the production process. This will even create an even playing field between US and foreign production, and will also close the US as a market to those countries trying to feed US citizens less safe meat.

Question3: No opinion.

Question4: The greatest agricultural impact on the environment are factory farms. Government must intervene to outlaw these operations in favour of less intensive and more sustainable open farms.

Question5: By removing hormones from the food chain, animals will live longer prior to being slaughtered. This will mean that a greater workforce is required to tend to farm institutions and thus employment will rise. Thus, without the impact of rebates or concessions - rural economies will improve. The impact on the average consumer would be around 45c on the weekly shopping bill - but rural america will immediately become more prosperous.

Question6: Two things are most important:

1. The health of the nation
2. The quality of farm produce

A return to more sustainable farming will ensure both of these characteristics, the less intensive manner of the farming will also open the gates to the use of negative farm outputs for other uses.