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Question1: 1. Lobby state and local (county and township) governments to include "agricultural" zoning in their zoning regulations.

2. Farm Bureau policy should favor small, family-owned farms over large "factory farms" when considering policies affecting all U.S. farming operations.

Question2: Most European countries ban the type of treatment animals in U.S. "CAFO's" (aka factory farms) must endure. Insisting upon humane treatment for farm animals would help make American farm products more attractive to foreign buyers.

Question3: The arguments listed above are valid. Assistance should not be based upon higher production levels, as factory farms should not be the recipients of Farm Bureau assistance. It should, instead, be provided to farms that have the greatest need for them, i.e., small family farms.

Question4: The comments above are absolutely correct. Large factory farms are a major contributor to air and water pollution and erosion.

Farm policy should seek to eradicate farming practices that contribute to those problems by creating large amounts of waste that they cannot dispose of properly. Programs should be made available whereby individual, ecology-minded farmers can learn farming techniques that help preserve our natural resources.

Question5: Local governments should be made aware of programs that can enhance a rural area's farming economy so that local landowners will be encouraged to preserve their farmland rather than selling it to developers. Government attention should definitely be more focused on preventing urban sprawl than it is currently. The Farm Bureau should include (if it doesn't already) an Urban Sprawl task force or department whose mission it is to bring farm-enhancing, sprawl-discouraging programs to the attention of local governments.

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