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The main focus of 2008 Farm Bill should be energy conservation. Alternative energy incentives for solar wind and biodiesel.

Payment limitations should be lowered and young starting farmers should receive a larger payment percentage. Loopholes for evading limits should be closed.

Commodity price supports should be raised. Some worksheets need to find actual cost of production and price supports need to be raised accordingly.

American markets should be opened to foreign countries but all products sold should be labeled as to origin so the consumer has the choice to make a educated decision if he she would buy a foreign product or American product.

Crop insurance subsidies should stay the same

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Water rights for farmers should be upheld against the pressure of developement (housing people).

CSP funding should be increased to help farmers that are farming environmentally freindly.

To compete in global markets the farm bill should help farmers produce commodities at a lower cost, export incentives should be used to help move product. Exporters should be penalized if grading standards are exploited.

for example adding water, or rocks for extra weight thus degrading American products. Importers should be more closely watched as to mislabeling of products to circumvent tarrifs. Milk Protein Concentrates are being shipped in as glue and then used in healthy bars. F.D.A. should enforce food policies. MPC is not a food product yet is beiny used in cheese making, health bars

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