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Question1:

Question2: reduce regulations, other contries have little or no regulations on there producers. They don't have to worry about OSHA, EEOC, EPA, IRS, and the list goes on.

Question3: Assistance is greatly needed by the small producers. Most land in the USA is owned by individuals owning less than 100 acres. It is tough enough operating a row crop operation on less than 100 acres, but it is extremily hard to operate a profitable timber operation on small acreages. We must build in incentives for our typically small landowners to retain their Tree Farms. Outside of this bill, we must eliminate the death tax. It is distroying our small businesses, including small Tree Farmers.

Question4: Private timber growers in the US are without a doubt the best stewarts of the land. They filter our water, clean our air, provide food and shelter for our wildlife, give us hundreds of recreational oportunities. And while all of that is taking place, they provide us with all the solid wood products, paper products, and chemicals that are derived from a tree. We must make it profitable to own and manage timber.

Question5: Education, education, education. Help our agricultural producers stay abreast with the latest technologies by exposing them to it through workshops and siminars. Help introduce and or reintroduce food and fiber production to our young people. Very few Americans have any idea where their food and fiber come from. Most folks think a 2X4 comes from Scotties, milk comes from Winn Dixie, and they want to know... how does a pig lay bacon? It is a shame but they just don't know.

Question6: With regards to the portion of agriculture that I am most familiar, the timber industry, we are missing numerous opportunities in the biofuel feild. If the US is serious about reducing our dependance on foreign fuel we can capture millions and millions of tons per year of fiber from our woods after logging. Utilizing this material not ony would help the fuel situation it would also save our landowners in site preperations and reduce fire dangers.