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Question1: I'm not sure how to answer this. I come from farm families in the Dakotas. I know that for decades farmers have been subsidized by the Federal Gov't. Farming is the lifeblood of this country and critical to our security and well being. I support continued parity with subsidies and incentives.

Question2: Eliminate as much "middle man" as possible. Use diplomatic means to convince the world market of our "quality" products. Subsidies will also need to continue.

Question3: I would suggest that you ask the farm organizations, like Farmers Union, and REC's to give you the honest answers on this.

Question4: By working with organizations like Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, American Farmland Trust, and others like this. Keeping farming and ranching viable is critical to the well being of this country's natural resources. I know, I am a natural resource manager. Incentives such as the Conservation Reserve Program, and wetlands preservation programs should be one of the number one priorities for the Dept. of Agriculture.

Question5: Senator Ken Salazar, Colorado, wrote an article a few months ago on just this subject. I suggest he be consulted on this subject since he is a long time farmer and I believe he has a reasonable plan for this issue.

Question6: This could include agroforestry, forest health, biofuel production (i.e. corn and other agricultural products that could supplement our energy needs).