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Question1: There is no such thing as a new farmer in this area. There are new residents who have "hobby" farms. There are a few young farmers who have come on board with fathers and grand fathers and this is a trend that I've been watching since 1977. The factor driving land prices in Dooly County, Georgia is not capitalization of program benefits. 1031 exchanges and an exodus from hurricane alley drive prices here. When there is enough profit in production agriculture to entice the best and brightest back to the farm with them having to make sacrifices then you will see "new" farmers.

Question2: Quit unilaterally disarming in trade negotiations. Get some good poker players in leadership positions at USTR and fire the Ph.D. economists who would not reach a good conclusion if you laid them ALL end to end.

Question3: I've seen some recent arguments that the 650,000 people who are fulltime farmers that rely on farm income for a living are receiving most of the benefits as they should. So long as there is no will of congress AND the administration to FUND programs like CSP for most farmers there will be inequity in distribution. World trade at below the total cost of production will continue without a willingness by our government to FIGHT for fair trade.

Question4: CSP and EQUIP are great underfunded programs. Fund these programs every year for every real farmer if you want real conservation. FARMERS WERE THE FIRST ENVIRONMENTALISTS. We don't just talk the talk, we walk the walk if revenue is available.

Question5: The Rural Electrification Act brought expensive technology to rural America in the 1940's and changed us for the better. The greed of major corporate America is keeping today's expensive technology away from the farm. The six farmers past me can't reply to this website for lack of highspeed internet service at an affordable cost.

Question6: If something is not done to control the cost of "Intellectual Property" to agriculture none of the above is possible. The land grant colleges that once drove progress with publically owned research and development have been neutered by underfunding. The multinational companies now control the game board in this country and give their developments to the rest of the world.