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Question1: I would like to see the three entity rule deleted and replaced by a single direct payment directed to a social security number. Each "person" could receive one direct payment. The entity rule causes several problems. I have inherited ground with my sisters and am currently farming. Without some ownership changes I would have four entities and not come close to meeting the limit of \$40,000 of direct payment. One of the results of this is that the entity rule has forced cash rents and eliminated crop share rents. If someone is trying to enter farming it is much easier to cash flow if crop rent is desired rather than cash rent. Most cash rent is paid near the first of the year long before and return from the crop.

Making a single payment to a social security number would also make the bookwork for the FSA offices much simpler and there would not be enterprises created to get around the payment limitation.

Question2:

Question3: please refer to comments made for question 1

Question4: Trying to make a single program that covers the entire U.S. does not work very well. There is too much diversity in the environment. A single program even for our county is very difficult to work with. NezPerce Co. in Idaho goes from 800 feet to 4000 feet, a rainfall from 11 inches to 25 inches, a growing season from 200+ days to 120 day all of this in a distance of 40 miles. Programs must be made to adapt to the local climate and environment. What one person may get paid to do is irrelevant in one area but important in another. The important matter in the other area may be completely left out.

Question5: Limit payments to the largest farms so more farm families will be able to stay on the farm. Bigger is not always better.

Question6: Research needs to be a continual and ongoing program. Every time a research program is dropped or the person doing the research is not funded many years of knowledge is lost. It takes 10 to 15 years to get a new wheat variety on the market from the initial cross. When funding is dropped the resulting time lag starts at 0. Many years may come and go before varieties with disease resistance or improved quality and yield are released.