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Question1:

Question2: It is shameful how the United States has fallen so far behind other civilized countries in setting standards of treatment for farm animals. We, too, must ban crating pregnant sows, battery cages for hens and forced molting.

Question3: The USDA should be helping the small, humane farmers and definitely NOT contributing to factory farmers who confine and mutilate and overcrowd and medicate their animals. These cruel and thoughtless practices are now affecting not only the suffering animals, but also the humans who share this planet. Drug resistant antibiotics are a direct result of overmedicating animals some people eat, for example.

Question4: Factory farms must go! For the sake of the animals and the environment and people who live nearby! Minimum space allowances are a must--animals need to live naturally, to move naturally. Also, limits must be lowered as to how many animals may be housed on these "farms". This will reduce all those wast problems we read about.

Question5:

Question6: With growing populations and land-use issues, the USDA must encourage and emphasize the growing of grains and vegetables for HUMAN consumption. We could feed many more people with grain, etc., rather than feeding that grain to animals, and then eating the animals' dead body. With meat analogs a bigger than ever part of the marketplace, the time is right to shift our emphasis from eating cholesterol-laden, artery clogging, health-compromising animal flesh, to cholesterol free, health-enhancing, fat free vegetables and grains.