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Question1: Perhaps land trusts could be part of the solution, by placing stipulations on land use? Could there be a way to connect retiring farmers with young people who want to farm, in cases where their own children don't want to farm?

Question2: We should only import/export N/S products that are out of season in either place, cannot be grown locally, or had a crop failure in either place. There should be a marketing effort to entreat Americans to buy American goods.

Question3: Family farms should have first priority. Corporate farms should not receive assistance. Farms should be assessed on the sustainability of their operations; environmentally, socially, economically.

Question4: Fund research on sustainable practices. Match funds for farmer trainings on IPM, soil building, etc. Communicate with the EPA, NRCS, USFW to reinforce watershed-level conservation projects on private lands. Reward, don't penalize farmers, provide support.

Question5: Break up corporate farms. Plain and simple.

Consumers need to understand that good local food is worth spending their money on, and is worth far more than a new TV. Welfare will not restore dignity to rural America.

Question6: Diversification is key. This will happen by itself when corporations leave the farming to families. Break up corporate farms and the solutions will come.