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Question1: I don't know enough about this issue to comment on it specifically, but I would like to see the U.S. government do whatever it can to support small, local, organic growers. Due to rising fuel, fertilizer, and pesticide costs, it will be essential to support these small, local sustainable farmers.

Question2: I think there is growing concern worldwide about genetically engineered crops and seeds. The U.S. should respect that other countries don't trust this technology.

Question3: I'm not sure, but it seems that like any other subsidy program, there needs to be oversight to ensure that those who really need the assistance (and who are indeed growing crops!) receive the benefits.

Question4: I think that farm policy can best achieve conservation and environmental goals by making that a priority. The importance of this topic is emphasized with our growing awareness of the connections between pesticides and disease in humans and animals, degraded water systems, and loss of topsoil. Sustainable farming, whether organic or transitional, is the way to go. Judging by the growth in the organics industry over the past few years, it's obvious that Americans want to know what's in their food.

Question5: Innovative rural farming partnerships are already happening in the area of alternative fuels (growing crops for biodiesel and ethanol, capturing methane at dairies, putting in wind farms, etc.). With global warming and peak oil looming, I think we should be helping the farmers help us meet our energy needs.

Question6: I definitely think that focusing on organic and specialty crops, value-added products (renewable energy, etc.) is the right direction to go.