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Question1: The payment limit must be reduced for mega farms. In addition, loop holes for fraud must be closed. Allowing excess payments allows for bidding land prices and rents beyond the young producer's capability. LDP's are inequitable because during a drought a producer may receive not only zero bushels but no LDP either, when a neighbor across the county may receive both in good rainfall. We must change these areas or the process will be discredited by urban tax payers when they realize they are receiving a poor investment by there tax dollar. The tax payer is suspicious already. Provide tax incentives for retiring farmers to recruit young farmers.

Question2: We need a paradym shift here. We will not continue to be competitive if we pursue a role as least cost producer. Eventually it will catch up with us as developing countries with lower labor, health care and energy costs

have lower costs in the future. The steel industry is an example of what is going on when we do not protect our industry. Access to global markets is a good objective in many areas, but we should protect our producers and the producers in other countries for the long run. Driving farmers out of Mexico because they cannot compete only creates other problems like illegal immigrants crossing the border. A better approach would be to seek alternative production in this country to reduce imports such as fuel from perrennials like as switch grass or hydrogen from wind power. This would aid both balance of payments and our farmers.

Question3: Terminate the LDP program and incorporate some of the intent into direct or countercyclical payments. You would also save time and money within the beauracracy.

Reduce payment limits.

Question4: The Conservation Security Program should be made the centerpiece of the farm program. This would be consistent with WTO rules, gain better return on investment of the tax dollar, and have much greater support of the public than the commodity program. It would be more equitable for all producers including grazing producers.

Question5: Entreneurial development and support has great potential to development small business as a supporting role to farm and ranch industry. Value added production also is important as well as energy conservation.

Question6: Grants to University, Extension and on farm research will be valuable in providing the necessary knowledge for the future.