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Question1: I am aware that USDA is seeking the public's opinion in America's future in Agriculture, otherwise known as the 2007 Farm Bill. When I read about this new farm bill, and the above question, I am reminded of what a wise man once told me; "Without Agriculture America will cease to exist." I am saddened when I see precious farmland turn into apartments, or multimillion dollar houses. My nearby county once boasted the most fertile ground in the U.S., however, most of that ground is laying unused or turned into parking lots. It seems that the average farmer can't make enough money farming, so the only other option is to sell their land over to developers. Many farmers have owned their land for many years and it has been a family tradition. So why are standing by, watching the developers (or wolves of today) buy out this precious farmland? Why should we let the heritage of our country go by the wayside, to be paved away? Why do we let all the sweat, hard work, and ambition of over one hundred years be bought for pennies on the dollar? What will be is future in Agriculture if we continue to let farmers be bought out by high priced businessmen from out of state? The USDA needs to intervene in this horrendous problem, and assist the average American farmer. Could the USDA cut back on Subsidies that do not benefit the farmer? Maybe the USDA could introduce a law to Congress that involves a new land law. Such as, citizens who are planning to buy land for farming use would be able to purchase the land cheaper. The USDA could give assistance to these new and upcoming farmers. When the USDA collaborates the opinion of the citizens, I hope they remember the farmers and what would benefit them in the long run. Please remember the heritage of our blessed country and continue to experiment with new ideas to protect the farming heritage.

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