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Question1: Farm policy should look at the consequences so far of various policies and address them case by case. In the example given, there should be federal assistance to states which buy farm development rights.

Question2: The US should stop placing export as the top goal and work to strengthen regional and local markets in the US. Export subsidies should end -- they're absurd when a farmers can't sell produce in their own region.

Question3: The US should reward farmers according to how, not how much, they produce. Payments proportional to size of crop should end, and the CSP should be fully funded to any farmer or rancher in the US who qualifies.

Question4: See above -- fully fund the CSP.

Question5: Farm programs need to strengthen local and regional markets; tie farmers into food programs such as farm-to-school or community food security. Farmers can't sell locally because distribution and subsidies for it are geared to national commodity production. Many steps would help this goal -- local slaughterhouses or milk processing plants, for instance, one in every county.

Question6: Both for stewardship and market reasons, there should be at least as much support for research into organic and sustainable farming as for conventional.