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Question1: As a 4th generation family farm in NE MT I have not observed any impact to land prices due to the above. More direct costs of farming ie. fuel, fert, chrnicals, repairs, interest rates, taxes, machinery etc. & \$3.50 wheat and low commodity prices are what is keeping new farmers out of ag. US Gov needs to wakeup to the real problems facing US farmers.

Question2: The above is a crock-of-s as is the fair trade policies of the US Gov. It don't take an IQ above 50 to realize that the US producer can not compete with world producers because of the higher costs stated on #1 above and the ever declining price supports to US producers. The people US Gov has writing the farm bill have no idea what is happening to farming and the communities they live in. Everyone knows the US producer can feed the world if the US Gov would get out of the way.

Question3: It should be obvious the farm policy to enhance and stabilize prices and income are not working and the only way farmers can survive is to get bigger raise more crop. Price supports for commodities rather than paying producers to farm more acres might work better. It hard to pay for \$3/gal fuel and \$375/ ton fertilizer with \$3.50/bu. wheat.

The middle man makes more off of what the producer raises than the producer.

Question4: WTO is another US Gov wet dream. All producers I know in MT take pride in their land and the last thing we need is some beaucrat or WTO knownothing telling land owners what to do. There are already to many restrictions placed on land owners.

Question5: Support US producers and US producers will revitalize rural areas. Its really not that complicated. Its like giving tax breaks to the population. Big Gov is the root of our problems. The Gov is disconnected from the real world. If you sent a Washington beaucrat to the plains of MT and told him to live off the land he wouldn't survive til spring.

Question6: It all gets back to expense versas income. It gets more difficult when expenses rise 10 times faster than the prices a producer gets for his product. Developing or raising a new product will not solve the problem.