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Question1: Being a farmer that just lost her farm due to the high cost of her land I have many ideas about this. One congress should enact legislation that supports local, county and state programs to keep farm land in farming, giving tax or price cuts on land that will be used to produce food or fiber, fund farmer mentoring programs for new farmers and low to no interest loans for small and beginning farmers for buying the land.

Question2: Ban the development of GMO products. Allow local inspections of meat producers. Close down feed lots and adopt a national organic food production campaign.

Question3: Put a cap on subsidies and make it \$100,000 each farm. Give incentives for ecological farming and building sustainable food systems locally, support farmer to farmer networks.

Question4: Abolish current crop subsidies. Set national environmental targets, like 50% reduction in pesticide use in 5 years. Through NRCS and SARE grants and farm payments to reward farmers that reduce pesticides, adopt conservation biological control methods such as hedgerows (which could be payed for by the foot!) and other biological control and IPM methods such as release of beneficial insects, drip irrigation, riparian rehabilitation etc.

Question5: Give money to local support efforts, start an open grants program for small family farmers, fund development of farmers markets, farm stands and local agricultural businesses that incorporate local energy generation and use of renewable resources such as biodiesel, on farm solar and wind alternatives. Remove burdensome federal regulations on local meat, egg and fiber processors.

Question6: Give support to local development of farmers markets, cooperative farm stands and on-farm farm stands. Remove the burdensome regulations on production, processing of local meats, fish, honey, eggs and dairy products to promote local business in this area. Give incentives to farmers and communities that are developing local, sustainable food systems. Support development of city food policy councils, training of community leaders and area gleaners and food banks.