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Question1: Because agriculture at the national level considers only corn, wheat, sorghum, and soybean as program areas, and all others as specialty crops, forestry in Hawaii does not get the attention for the level of importance it serves the state. Additionally, the size and location of the state of Hawaii is perceived as being unimportant. However, agriculture plays a vital role in the state's economy.

Question2:

Question3: With the long time frame necessary to sustainably manage a forest to its maturity, more attention needs to be given to assist tree farmers in the various aspects of forestry, e.g. crop insurance.

Question4: A cooperative effort between Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center (PBARC) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is necessary to increase capability of bio fuel/energy by utilizing forestry by-products.

Question5: The USDA should vigorously support the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to retain as much land as possible and not allow it to be rezoned for non-agricultural use.

Question6: Research and support for commercial forestry should be added back into the USFS goals.