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Answers to
questions

- ① The DAIRY price support program is the most cost effective and valuable safety net for all DAIRY Farmers and any proposal to weaken it needs to be avoided. It prevents catastrophically low levels at the same time helps prevent extreme shortages by selling back to the commercial market as now is happening to moderate spikes in milk prices. ~~and~~ Reducing Butter/Powder price tilt adjustments cannot the cost of milk ~~lose~~ income loss Payments to increase and would weaken the price support program.
The Milk program should be discontinued, but especially so if the dollars come from the DAIRY support program.
- ② Reciprocal trade policies or credit for excessive imports, Due to loopholes in product definition (Powder Blends) or transitioning trade agreements, to support programs whether Milk, grains, proteins, or sugars
- ③ Continue the technology upgrades in local offices to allow for a maximum of people on people time with all the diversity needed.
- ④ There is a need to streamline the best farm practices, quickly adopting new procedures and techniques to NRCS programme - The last farm bill - funding timelines were well before USDA arrived at Definitions of improvements that qualified for the funding.
- ⑤ More informational meetings and "How to" Seminars for Rural Development and farm labor housing.
- ⑥ There is a need to limit or eliminate royalties on federally funded Research which often is an impediment to timely transferring the latest techniques due to having to negotiate patent rights with only limited end users. Ag research dollars are ~~not~~ intended as a end result to Benefit farmers or makers of Ag products not to finance University Research.

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