

USDA 2007 FARM BILL FORUM in NEBRASKA

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Please respond to the following six questions. Space permits (below or reverse side) to respond, or add your own comments about other 2007 farm bill suggestions.

- 1) How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers/ranchers and the next generation of farmers/ranchers from entering production agriculture?

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
ad hoc measure could be limited.

- 2) How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?

Is this a policy issue, or a trade problem
Competition is more about a level playing field. Should be
more about assuring fair trade

- 3) How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?

Depends on the goal of Policy (Crop for policy)
(Farm income support)
(?)

- 4) How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?

Es: that one of Farm Policy goals is this EPA, NRCS
Farm Policy must be consistent with current regulations and best practices
but, it's primary goal is ?

- 5) How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?

long term goals consistent with long term solutions which
are ~~the~~ sustainable

- 6) How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

(Support of Meat Grant System)

extension, research

These programs are under the gun.

The public is welcome to submit their comments via the USDA Farm Bill Forums website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill> or by mailing comments to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250-3355. Comments should be submitted by Dec. 30, 2005.

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