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Question1: Policy should be designed in a way that it doesn't look like we are paying american farmers based on production. Policy should help farmers increase the quality of the product they produce. There should be help in making the american corn, soybeans, etc. a better product than the what the rest of the world has to offer. Any country can produce corn or beans so we need to make our products better. There should be policy to help ensure that the food supply we grow and export is safe and pure. We need to be able to export grain that the buyers don't need to worry whether if there is gmo grain in a shipment of non-gmo grain. We have to make our image better and our products to export better.

Question2: There needs to be limits set on payment limitation without loop holes. It should be that each person under their social security number can only recieve so much money from the farm program. Loop-holes like the triple entity rule should be eliminated. There should be no way to get money throught multiple entities and multiple limits. The government should provide enough support for one person to farm a reasonable amount of ground like say 1500 acres in a corn and soybean operation. The death tax should be kept, but at a high exemption level of like \$10 million. This way the average farmer can pass a reasonable amount of ground to the next generation allowing them to farm the family ground without having to sell it to pay the taxes. Anyone who inherits over say \$10 million is getting enough to pay that tax and keep a reasonable amount of ground. Providing incentives to landowners who rent or sharecrop their ground with young farmers would help. But this would have to be monitored so that older farmers wouldn't be putting their children on a farm as the operator when they are the actual operators just to get ground for themselves.

Question3: There should be limits in place and enforced to keep the government from providing too much support to farmers. Only allow so much money to go out per social security number. Eliminate the loop holes that allow people to get payments through multiple entities. I don't feel that the increase in farm size is entirely caused by the farm program. The increase in farm size is like the increase in the number of Walmarts. The bigger the operation the more efficient and profitable. With rising machinery, seed, fert. and land cost farmers need more ground to spread these high cost over. When you buy inputs in bulk and large quantities you get bigger discounts and deals. As long as there are farm payments on ground, that additional income will help out the farmers bottom line. If a big farm hits their limit then acquiring more ground would lower their overall per acre government support.

Question4: There needs to be incentives to farm in ways that are good for the water, air & overall environment. Reward or base payments off the conservation efforts of farmers. Don't increase the amount of CRP that has attracted too many non-farmer owners and recreational owners that it is not supporting the farmers. Base payments off practices like to no-till, crop rotations of multiple crops, and reduced chemical use.

To many previous conservation programs have ended up supporting the recreational deer hunters.

Question5: There needs to be programs to get high speed internet to the farms and rural areas. With fewer people in these areas there is not much incentive for companies to expand their networks into the rural areas. Small towns are getting these new advancements, but people who live in the country are not. It just like when electricity and phone service was first introduced, but now the new item is fiber optic cables and high speed internet.

Providing programs to get more non-farm or non-agriculture related people into the rural areas is not the greatest idea. These people have expectations of convenience that they had in town and do not understand the rural lifestyle of putting up with animals and machinery. Stop and think about how these urban people will fit into a completely different atmosphere, community and way of life.

Question6: Provide support and funding to the colleges and universities to expand research into new specialty crops and their possible uses and markets. Help get new specialty crops and markets off the ground with programs to provide funding and incentives.