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Question1: We can not compete in global markets when we have to pay high labor, fuel, repairs, machinery, insurance, land and other inputs and then try to sell at world prices. World prices tend to set a ceiling on what we can get from the domestic market. We need to have production controls with a floor set above the cost of production plus a fair profit.

Question2: The non-profit from farm income has reached the point where it is already to late to try and convince the next generation of farmers to enter production agriculture. Our family has been farming since the middle 1800's. My grandchildren will not be continuing in the farming tradition. They can prosper better by entering into another field which they plan on doing with my encouragement.

Question3: To effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers the new farm bill should have acreage controls coupled with a non recourse loan program set at a rate above the cost of production plus a fair profit. If you don't have an acreage allotment you don't plant a crop.

Question4: Have a liberal cost share provision in the new farm bill for conservation and environmental goals.

Question5: No Comment.

Question6: Any new use for farm products would help. I strongly believe that the use of farm products to produce energy is one area that needs attention.