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Question1:
when we trade with other nations we should have a level playing field.
United
States Farmers should not pay
tariffs when other countries ship to the United States tariff free.

USDA needs to put more emphasis on modern day contract farmers, better known as factory farms. This is farming based on capitol to assets ratio. This is the way industry has performed for years. Farming is an industry and we have to be profitable.

Question2: Rollins Farms has become a self-sufficient family farm in an era when family farms were dying. We achieved this through a well managed business plan and lots of planning and commitment from family members.

WE had a long term plan from which we never waived We were willing to adjust some priorities.

The USDA should work with contract farmers and be willing to work outside the box.

Question3: Farm policy should take in to consideration the latest technology which includes under-roof high use feeding areas, as that would address a lot of erosion and manure problems.

Drystack houses would be a great asset as to control ground, air and water pollution problems

this also is a great asset to the organic community as a great fertilizer source.

Question4: Farm policy must rely on sound science and not to the whim of every special interest group. Farmers must make a living and preserving the land is in their best interest Farmers cannot win with out preserving the resources. It is in our backyard.

Question5: Farm assistance should be concentrated on wate management systems.

Waste management systems should be a great asset to the community as it can be a great source of all natural fertilizer and soil conditioner.

Question6: The USDA should pursue all viable ventures

We should be willing to work outside of the box

Contract farming in the poultry industry has been a life saver for our family farm

USDA should recognize that production farming is not only

corn,soybeans,cotton and wheat

A lot of producers are doing well with chickens, honey, composted poultry wastes and other alternative crops which are not supported by the USDA