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Question1: We must have a program that ensures supply. Nothing kills a market faster than not having the product to sell. U.S. acreage is decreasing not increasing like South America. We must protect our farmers in years of overproduction as eventually underproduction will be our biggest concern.

Question2: Lower payment caps per farmer. High cash rents keep beginning farmers out, not land prices. The larger operators are raising cash rents. If FSA payments were reduced through payment limits, cash rents should ease. Corn and Soybean farmers do not need caps as high as Cotton farmers, so how about caps per commodity?

Question3: Lower Payment caps per commodity would help. FSA also needs to discourage fraud more aggressively. Large farmers use their family members and employees to bypass payment limits. These people file schedule F as farmers, but are simply tools to deceive. Crop insurance has the same problem through individual farm units. Renters can under report yields on farms they do not intend on keeping long term to collect insurance, while over reporting on others to build APR's. Lets go to single unit crop insurance with better coverage and lower premiums. This should cut paperwork and lessen abuse.

Question4: Mandate buffer strips on all streams and rivers. This program has been voluntary long enough, it is time to make it happen for those who choose not to participate. This is the place where serious erosion is taking place. Wood to ethanol should be getting priority as a forest management tool and source for increases in ethanol production.

Question5: There is no going back. GPS and auto steering will continue the decline in labor needed to farm. Technology is racing forward without government involvement. Keeping the large farms from renting the rest of us into submission should be a priority. This is the goal of tighter payment caps.

Question6: Funds should be available to promote better use of our environment. Research is the key to developing bio friendly uses of our products. Corn ethanol/plastics, soy diesel/inks and wood to ethanol all need continued government support to displace petroleum based products.