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Question1: First of all, the current farm bill is all about conservation and completely misses the fact that ranchers and farmers need economic sustainability wether new or old. The first order of business of the farm bill should be to ecourage economic success so that conservation can be practiced.

Question2: The politics of foreign sales of commodity products from agriculture are placed under and unfair position comapred to other exported non-food and non-agricultural items such as clothes, jewlery, and the such. We need to let farmers and ranchers be apart of the price policy with foreign governments and help them make money selling abroad.

Question3: Currently, NRCS administers much of the conservation programs in the US. Most of those folks do not understand agricultural production well enough to see that if our agricultural producers aren't economically successful house and subdivisions will be built all over the west. The ranch and farm lands will be lost as our population continues to grow exponentially. We need a farm bill policy that helps producers stay on their land and not be sold to wealthy people or subdivided for development. We are losing our bread-basket all across America at record pace. Once our Agricultural production capacity is gone, we will be a weak economy and world power.

Question4: The best way to achieve conservation and environmental goals is to first provide for agricultural producers economic sustainability. If the farmers and ranchers are economically able to survive, then conservation can be practiced. The current farm bill programs (EQIP)rewards poor land stewards who have not done a good job of land stewardship to-date. The Conservation Security Program tries to address that, but does a weak job. The conservation programs of the 2002 Farm Bill reward conservation for wildlife and water quality with complete diregard for livestock production. Guess where the wildlife and fish will live when the agricultural lands lost becasue producers are economically taxed, expensed to death. We need the good land stewards on the land and the conservation programs need to reward landowners for doing good things that benefit both livestock and conservation in that order.

Question5: Once again, if farmers and ranchers can earn a decent living, rural assistance is probably less important. Under the current programs, small-town America is dying. The general public is being misled by groups with a cause against agriculture. We need conservation-oriented producers on the land producing food commodities for America and the world. That begins in small-town America. We need to keep rural areas economically healthy to keep America healthy. Some day we won't be able to eat TV's, cars and more.

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