Email: sthilscher@cox.net FirstName: Steve LastName: Hilscher Address1: 215 Harmony Street Address2: **City: Council Bluffs** State: Iowa zipcode: 51503 Question1: Good question! I have been having problems purchasing land in North Dakota for farming and ranching. Due to the fact that land prices have increased ten-fold, wealthy businessman from other states (i.e., East coast)have purchaed North Dakota land for the sole purpose of hunting and fishing. The sad part on my behalf is that I was trying to re-buy my great-grandfather's, grandfather's, and Dad's lands that they homesteaded. A good question that I have - is there federal or private funds, as in grant money, to help purchase this land? Question2: Tarrifs on foreign imports. Question3: Encourage farming for small farmers and ranchers - a thousand acres. or less. Question4: Provide the means for me to purchase the grassland in South-central, North Dakota, and I'll show what can be done. Question5: By moving more people like me back to the farm through grants and subsidies. Question6: More research on special crops and renewable energy and by-products.