Email: micheels@uiuc.edu FirstName: Eric LastName: Micheels Address1: Address2: City: State: Wisconsin zipcode: 54763 Question1: Lowering use of price supports which artificially raise prices of commodities. In order to compete in the world market, Our producers are going to have to be able to compete at world price levels, not domestic levels.

Also, by using the BSE situation as a starting point for implementing a long-term focus on traceability of the beef supply which would ease many of the concerns our global purchasers face. We are already doing this to an extent, but more could be done, and will be done in the future. Question2: Lower payment limitations. There is no need for a business to have to get over \$250,000 from the government in order to compete. And there are farmers who get much more than that by signing up wives, children, hired men, etc in order to skirt the payment limitations.

Also, looking at this from another angle, raising the D-FO (Direct Farm Ownership) loan limits available at FSA would help. With land values increasing, \$200,000 doesn't buy what it used to. Question3: Lower the payment limits

Enforce the payment limits

Tie program benefits to land, not production.

Question4: Question5: Question6: