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Closing Comments:

Farmer Cooperatives

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The Big Ten (11)

1. Objectivity

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2. Critical Thinking

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3. Invest in the next generation

“Keep youth in the community.”

“Agriculture has been unique in that it has wanted to send its youth elsewhere.”

4. Capital

“Capital is the life-blood.”

“The first component of risk management is capital.”

5. Taking risks

“We are cooperatives. We do things that blow up.”

6. Evolving business structures

7. Shaping the evolution of evolving business structures

**8. “Added services are
increasing in importance.”**

9. The role of policy

**“An honest politician is
one, who,
once bought,
stays bought.”**

10. Resources

11. Cooperatives as *learning* business organizations