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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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Use the article titled: EPA establishes office to better connect with farmers

1. Define the following:
   1. Cooperation
   2. Controversial
   3. Infrastructure
   4. Trilateral
2. Name the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.
3. Name the USDA Secretary of Agriculture.
4. Why is it important that EPA and USDA are setting a tone for new cooperation between the two agencies?
5. List some of the issues that USDA Secretary of Ag Tom Vilsack acknowledged farmers are facing.
6. Name the three counties as part of the upcoming trilateral meeting and the issues they will be discussing.

Answers

1. Define the following:
   1. Cooperation—working or acting together for a common purpose
   2. Controversial—characteristic of prolonged dispute,
   3. Infrastructure—framework, facilities and systems serving a country, city, area. Roads, bridges, rails, all fall into this category.
   4. Trilateral—having three sides.
2. Michale Regan
3. Vilsack (Tom Vilsack)
4. Answers will vary, but in the past EPA and USDA have been at odds with farmers in the middle of the issues.
5. Weather, lower prices and higher inputs.
6. US, Canada, Mexico will be discussing biotechnology and GMO, reducing trade barriers in Canada and keeping China as a strong trading partner and developing more markets in Southeast Asia, Central and South America and Africa.