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Well, since you ask....

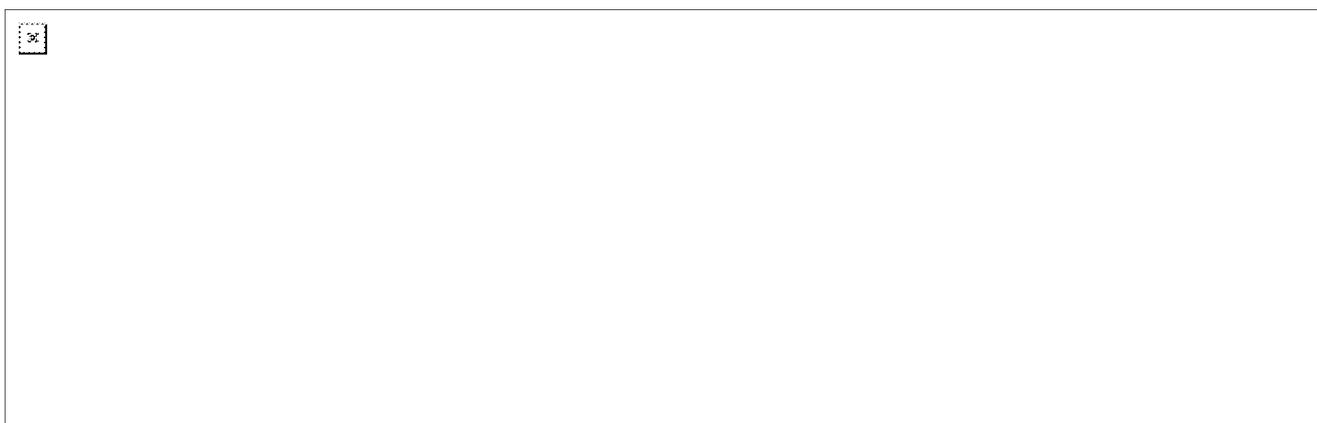
All those agribusiness laws originated because agribusiness can't keep its crowded animals clean and feeds them bad or unnatural food. The laws may have been meant to protect the customers, but they are being used to drive out any other sources of food, such as small and private producers.

The little guys are calling eggs and cheese and milk "pet food" and "fish bait" and "not for human consumption." We're buying it and happily eating it.

Remember when the IRS tried to control garage sales? Its bluff was called because the IRS didn't have enough staff to monitor them, not by a long shot. The movement to simply ignore the agribusiness-driven rules for small farmers and go around the controls is growing.

The staff to control local producers will simply run out of people.

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ACTION ALERT!

This is the biggest opening in 30 years. The Department of Justice is on a fact finding mission at need to hear from us!

Are you concerned about where your food comes from? Do you care about the working conditions of farm workers? Is it inconvenient to get to the store? Do you have access to fresh produce in your neighborhood? Are you concerned about meat and poultry packing conditions that threaten your health and that of the workers? Are you concerned about giants like Monsanto control a large share of our seed supply?

The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are seeking our commercial food system by December 31, 2009. We have just five weeks to tell them what's wrong in our food system and suggestions for how to fix it.

Please take the time to e-mail your comments to agriculturalworkshops@usdoj.gov.
Or you can submit two paper copies of your comments to Legal Policy Section, Antitrust Division,
Justice, 450 5th Street, NW, Suite 11700, Washington, D.C. 20001. All comments received will

Please forward this e-mail to friends who may also like to submit comments. Thank you.

Five workshops will be held in 2010 in Alabama, Colorado, Iowa, Washington, D.C. and Wisconsin.
Your concerns heard is to submit your written comments.

For specifics about the workshops: <http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/workshops/ag2010/index.htm>

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