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I hope your talks at the workshop and policy changes will reflect concerns about those who choose NOT to use seed from chemical companies (especially GM seed).
My real concern is that organic or small farmers who save seed from year to year are becoming vulnerable to lawsuits. When their plants get down-drift pollination now they are unable to save seed from year to year but ALSO can be sued if they do. This is insane!
Small family farmers, organic farmers, traditional farmers who have opted NOT to use this modified seed; farmers who have used the time-established method of saving seed to plant next year are now suddenly finding themselves having to BUY new seed every year. Their OWN seed can't be used if any cross pollination has occurred from neighboring fields!
PLEASE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE!
I look forward to seeing what is done at the workshops and in food/agricultural policy to address this issue.
Sincerely, Lee Clark