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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

I'm also very concerned about how Monsanto does business; how the farmers are being forced to buy new seeds every year instead of being able to use the time honored tradition of the past: saving the seeds for the next year's planting. Poor farmers cannot afford that outlay every year.

Chemically engineered seeds cannot be harvested and the seeds recycled. Our food is being engineered and is affecting our health. Cancer is on the increase. Monsanto did not produce the first seeds; how dare they be allowed to patent the seeds and prohibit farmers from using the traditional form of harvesting their crops and saving the seeds for the next year's planting.

The US agricultural policy has allowed the Giants like Monsanto to destroy our food supply and to endanger our health for the payback by Monsanto. America get real! Wake up! It is your children and grandchildren who will live to suffer the consequences of the destruction carried out by Monsanto.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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