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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. I am concerned about the monoculture of food products. For this reason, I have joined a local farm and receive on a weekly basis locally grown organic fruits and vegetables. Not only does this support the local farm and reduce my carbon footprint, but it also gives me the piece of mind to know that no pesticides are being used to grow the food. This is especially important for root foods such as potatoes, beets and rutabagas and carrots. Furthermore, we do not use Roundup or any other herbicide in our yard and garden since it eventually will make its way into the watershed and out into our oceans and water related food sources. Finally, when we do not have sufficient food from the farm or if we need other foods not provided, we frequent farmers' markets or purchase only organically grown foods.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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