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My letter concerns the over-dependance of our food supply on the "chemical" system of farming; herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, antibiotics. There is one corporation standing out as the lead proponent of this kind of agriculture, Monsanto, but there is a handful of others, Syngenta, Bayer, Dow, you know the list. The income of these corporate giants depends on this "chemical" farming system. But is it reasonable to expect the soils that are the source of our sustenance to continue to absorb, year after year, the billions of pounds of these chemicals we push at them? Will we not in the end poison these soils and ourselves in the process? Nature's strength is in diversity. If humans are to survive and be healthy we need to begin to diversify our food production systems now.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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