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I am writing because I am concerned about the huge size and monopolistic tendencies of big ag. and its suppliers like Monsanto. The tendency to minimize labor and maximize chemical and genetic inputs makes it impossible for small farmers to compete or to get help. I'm just a gardener, but I feel it, too. Monopolies run prices up as soon as they can. Stop Monsanto, if you still can. It is poisoning consumers and its own industry.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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