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

Right now a handful of companies control most the food we eat. Decades of bad farm policy, unchecked market consolidation and undue corporate influence over science have left agribusiness giants with unprecedented power over our food system.

Monsanto is the worst of the worst -- bad news for both farmers, consumers, soil, water, and air - ie., the ecology and environment. - Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security.

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators.
No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards.

Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds in the US, and regularly threatens farmers who don't buy its seeds.

Why aren't there decent labels telling you where it grew, what chemicals are on it, and if it's genetically modified?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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