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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Monsanto controls the majority of seeds in the US and continues to purchase more company's as time goes on. Eventually, all of our seeds will be bought up and we will be forced to only eat genetically modified food.

As a consumer, our labeling policy for GMO's concerns me the most. Why is it that a food producer must list all ingredients even preservatives and food coloring, but it is illegal to label genetically modified food. This does not make sense to me because with genetically modified food the actual cell of the food has been modified. Shouldn't that count as an "ingredient " or "additive." Being the head of the household grocery shopper I have refused to purchase all conventional food and focus strictly on organic and locally grown non gmo. I also educate the community on how they should do the same. It's great to see such a strong support from local like-minded individuals who are educating themselves about real food.

Eventually results will come out and I believe studies will prove genetically modified food is one of the main sources causing cancer. It is sad to see so many American's obese and sick, but no one will come out and speak about our food. Over 90% of soybeans are genetically modified and soy or some bi product is in almost everything we eat and drink. Scientist have linked soy to many health problems, especially the high content of phytoestrogens.

We must also take a step back and see what is being served in our children?s schools and wonder if they food they serve correlates with the rising epidemic of autism and ADD/ADHD.

As a consumer I would like to see genetically modified food banned from the United States. I know it is not healthy and if we do not make some kind of labeling requirements our health will be jeopardized and our heirloom seeds will be destroyed forever.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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