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Monsanto contracts prohibit use of their corn inbreds by private seed companies even after the patents expire. While all companies have control of their genetic materials for the duration of the patents, Monsanto licensing agreements include language to extend this control indefinitely. In addition to this, the company discards elite breeding material if it does not perform well after it has been genetically modified. These actions harm the entire nation by reducing the genetic diversity of our seed and denying farmers the choice to plant superior non-genetically modified seeds.

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