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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. I think it is unfair and horrible that Monsanto controls all of the seeds and has been able to prevent farmers from saving their seed from one crop generation to another. No wonder family farms are going the way of the dodo bird. Hybrid and GMO seeds also scare me because if they become susceptible to a pest or blight, that whole crop could be lost (think Irish potato famine) and our food supply would be threatened.

I think we need to provide incentives to the smaller, sustainable farmers who are growing a variety of crops and types of food, not the corporate giants who now control government regulation (or lack thereof) of our food supply.

I personally do not want to eat GMO or pesticide-laden (and petroleum-fertilized) food, but it is getting hard to avoid it, especially since it is not required to be labeled.

Please put some checks and balances in place and rein in Monsanto and other large corporations that are monopolizing and threatening the safety of our food supply. Require them to relinquish practices that are bad for the environment and our health and the health of our future.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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