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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. What is happening to farming these days is alarming. I am a small acreage farmer. We do everything possible to make our farm sustainable. Big corporate farms have the bottom line as profit, there goes the soil in erosion and the water run off and the poisoning with chemicals, they don't live on the farms. We need to know who and where food is grown and how. That is why we grow all of our fruits and vegetables, we don't trust the big boys. I am a beekeeper and there is lots of evidence that Colony Collapse is occurring because of the over load of chemicals brought into the hive. If we nuke our pollinators we don't eat. That seems to be a universal need.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
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