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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets, even more so because of the results of the UN IAASTD report, which concluded that small scale organic agriculture is what is needed to feed the world, now and in the future.
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I am especially concerned when these agra-businesses create genetically engineered crops which:

- ? Require continuous, expensive fertilizers
- ? Cross pollinate GE seeds with non-GE crops
- ? Raise the question of the morality of creating new life forms.
- ? Patent (privatize) life forms
- ? Create monopolies which wipe out diversity
- ? Cause loss of native genetic heritage
- ? Increase dependency on outside monies, technologies and supplies

Furthermore, Monsanto prohibits saving seeds.

There are more natural, traditional and environmentally sound ways to raise food that keep the focus on local self-sufficiency. Nevertheless there remains a serious need to share our agricultural wisdoms and techniques cross-culturally in mutually appreciative ways, such as in Permaculture.

Sincerely,

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