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I've noticed prices rising at the supermarket and don't feel like I can do anything about it (a lot of big food companies have made record profits this year -- even as consumers are paying more for food and seniors are not getting a COLA.)

I am concerned about my safety (outbreak and spread of bacteria like E. coli happens much faster when meat and vegetables are processed in big centralized locations.)

Local farms are going out of business (many small farmers can't compete with prices set by industrial farms and consolidated buyers.)

Thank you for accepting these comments.