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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

In particular, as an organic gardener, I find it outrageous that Monsanto is using intellectual property law to persecute farmers who attempt to save their own seed strains - after they have been contaminated by genetically-engineered Monsanto crops in nearby fields. Surely, the law should also offer protection to farmers as well. Isn't Monsanto the party at fault if genes from their crops enter the broader ecosystem? Shouldn't Monsanto be paying farmers damages for corrupting the seed strains they have worked so hard to save for generations, rather than the other way around? Please stop the insanity and support farmer's efforts at self sufficiency and free enterprise.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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