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Subject: How big business control of food, affects me.

I'm a 16 year old, but i know a few things about how the food industry works, in my working class family we spend almost 1/2 of our disposable income on food, granted we shop at a Co-op but thats a decision we stick by. the thing is, that with big companies mass producing food, and lowering their prices, affects the ability of my Co-op to produce, and cary, Organic, local food. The monopolization of some big companies has even made it impossible for the Co-op to carry some items, ether because they companies were forced out of business, or the prices were just not economical.

I see in my day to day life how much good, real, food affects people. It makes them happier, healthier, and more content with their life. I feel that the control of big companies of little farms, makes that harder to come by, that my ability to find food thats good for me is so controlled by large companies that don't even think about me or anyone else, are harmful both to my health and americas.

Concerned.