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As a Home Economist who once worked for the Department of Agriculture, I am very concerned about the manipulation and controls that have been allowed in regard to influential mega-agricultural corporations.

I am concerned that all of the seeds are being controlled by very few; that it is very hard to get native seeds that have not been altered in some way so they will not reproduce in the future, or that have been altered from their original state.

I am concerned that we cannot choose to buy raw milk and raw milk products from small local dairies.

I am distressed that the USDA apparently does not acknowledge and spread the teachings of all of the years of nutrition research that has been produced by the Weston A. Price Foundation.

I am distressed and fearful of decisions allowing harmful herbicides to be sprayed in National Forest areas to kill "non-native" plants -- with no consideration of how it is affecting sensitive humans and animals in the area.

I appreciate the structures set into place to screen and validate organic farm produce, but would hope that there would be one set of regulations and guidelines for the entire country, instead of state by state.

I appreciate the testing and screening of safety for fruits, vegetables and meats, but feel there is a need to be more stringent of that which is imported.

Thank you for asking for input,  
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