

From: Helen Svoboda-Barber <hcsb0401@columbus.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 6:59 PM
To: ATR-Agricultural Workshops <agriculturalworkshops@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Comment on Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues

I am writing to share my concern over the ever increasing mega-business of food in our country. As a parent of two young children, I fear much food found in the grocery stores these days. Do my fresh fruits and vegetables have unsafe bacteria on them? Has that hamburger been mixed with one sick cow that will make thousands of pounds of meat dangerous?

If terrorists really want to terrify the US, a great way to do it would be to get into our food system. Because such a great percentage of our food comes from such a small number of mega-processors, if something did get tainted the results could be truly terrifying.

It seems to me that a good use for anti-terrorism funds would be:

- fund more small, local food processors like dairies and meat processing plants that serve a 5-county area
- encourage planting a diversity of seeds, including heirloom
- encourage seed saving and seed sharing
- encourage homesteading in both urban and rural settings

Thank you-
Helen Svoboda-Barber
19509 New Gambier Rd
Gambier OH 43022