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To Be entered into the record on Anti-Trust and Competition in Agriculture:

It's a sad state of affairs when the plebes must--AGAIN-- petition the government to enforce laws that are designed for the legitimate welfare and actual security of the people; but historically, that is the case in the area of anti-trust. Standard anti-trust theory is when the four largest control forty percent of the market in any sector, the DOJ must break it up.

We have nearly 85% of CR-4 in the meatpacking sector. Monsanto itself controls 93% of the seed, in the grocery sector, there are five entities controlling 48% of retail sector, and small businesses, and particularly farms, are being hammered to death by the multinational corporate greed running unchecked by the DOJ. The DOJ allowed the worlds largest, and foreign, meatpacker to purchase Pilgrim's Pride, gaining controlling power in all segments of national and global meat packing in poultry, beef and hogs.

Why is it that the average, uneducated man on the street can readily see the problems with monopolies and massive consolidated corporate control in things important to every one---FOOD!-- and the DOJ has failed to do anything about it for decades despite, the Sherman- Clayton and Packers and Stockyard Acts?

I'll ask nicely one more time. Do the job you are sworn to do, please, and break up these entities that threaten the most important national security issue we have, our ability to feed ourselves.

Thank you,  
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