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I am a restaurant owner. The restaurant has been purchasing organic foods for more than 10 years. Although the organic foods are the foundation of the superior taste and nutritional quality of the food dining experience, it is a rarity. How is this possible when it is so much better? Cost!

It has come to my attention over and over again that organic food produced by local family farmers (like the foods I purchase) are expensive. How is this possible when growing and buying foods produced this way are healthier for the consumer, animals (who we share this planet with) and the environment? So often I hear people say that they cannot afford to buy organic foods but how can we afford not to? Purchasing nutritionally superior foods grown with genetically unaltered seeds, in chemical-free soil must be what our citizens of the United States if not the world can count on as a basic right. How is it possible that large agricultural corporations have managed to corrupt our food systems down to the way we feed our children in the public schools? It is shameful and a disgrace.

A false veil exist that we need systems (produced by the big agriculture companies) to provide the science that will feed the billions of people that will be living on this planet. It is a sham that only hugh money from hugh chemical agriculture corporations could generate and perpetuate. I urge you to consider and support healthy small family farming where the possibility of small biodiverse production feeds our communities, environment and local economies.

Sincerely,

Joanna Moore