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Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on an issue I believe should be addressed. That is on **Anti-Trust** and patent regulation. Monsanto, several years ago, **came** up with genetic modification and a product they named Roundup. It changed the way soybeans and other crops were produced. **They** charge a ticket fee on every bushel of seed sold to farmers and to other seed companies to use their patent. That **they** deserve.

Prior to this, most producers purchased some certified seeds each year on new varieties and if they yielded well they saved their own seed back for the next year or purchased non certified seed from dealers. I believe farmers should be able to save back their own seed and plant it without breaking laws and being prosecuted by Monsanto. By allowing that, farmers could save 50 to 60 dollars per acre in seed cost.

Monsanto is allowed to price their Roundup as they wish and have done so for several years. Last year they almost doubled the cost of their product. Through the past 25 years they have purchased several seed companies to a point that there are very few companies not owned in part or solely by Monsanto.

I believe it is wrong that a
desires. He should have the right to use it for feed, seed, plastic, burn it in a stove, sell it for fuel etc. There is a flaw in the law if this is continued to be allowed. When a company becomes too large and greedy, our anti-trust laws should be used to keep the Greatest County in the World going strong and prevent any one company from taking over and industry.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts on this issue.

Sincerely,

Ron Cornett
President