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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. I am just an ordinary person, a retired librarian who has a son who is a farmer in upstate New York.

I think there is real terror in having one company, Monsanto, control the majority of US seeds, especially one that behaves with atrocious aggression toward American farmers. I don't like the numbers of lobbyists and government regulators who exchange positions. Talk about the fox in the hen house.

Although I grew up in a suburb, my seventh grade social studies teacher used to say, "As the American farmer goes, so goes the nation." That is a disturbing thought since the American farmer is going, going... but not yet gone. There is still hope.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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