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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

I heard a news article recently about Britian labeling oranges from Israel as to whether they had been grown by Palestinian or Israeli farmers in the West Bank. I only wish that the US had that kind of specific, informative food labeling.

I buy as much food locally and outside the supermarket/agribusiness system as possible. Monsanto and other huge corporations threaten farmers, systematically destroy their livelihoods, and do not have American consumers' interests at heart.

The poisoning of our air and water and the erosion of our topsoil by shortsighted corporate farming practices do not promote long term food security.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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