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To the DOJ:

I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Monsanto (and a few other giant ag corporations) can contaminate large areas with pollen from genetically modified plants, spoil a neighboring farmer's crop, and yet demand that the farmer pay "compensation" to Monsanto! Even Orwell, in his most cynical moments, would find this hard to believe. While ordinary farmers struggle, the big guys like Monsanto grow ever more powerful and ever richer. They are regulated by people who either have profited by employment with big agriculture, or who hope to in the future. And when Monsanto makes farmers depend on them for seed, every single year, the entire country's food supply becomes dependent on ... Monsanto. This is crazy.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,