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Subject: Comments

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

I am greatly concerned about the drive for profits to the exclusion of following the health rules. For the past 24 years, I have lived within one half mile of the Armour, Monsanto, Swift, JBS Swift (all name changes within the last 24 years) pork slaughtering plant. This particular facility has spent thousands of dollars fighting anytime they are judged in violation of a regulation. I personally do not have confidence that they are following health rules that ensure my health. After these 24 years of experience, I refuse to buy meat products processed by such giant meat packers. I do not want their "value added e coli" in the food I put in my mouth. I do not need a trip to the hospital from e coli ingestion.

Thus I urge you to get your input DIRECTLY from the FAMILY FARMER not the bureaucratic corporations which seemed invested only in making money at any cost to the consumer as long as the companies are not held accountable and continue to function as though they are above the law.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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