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I am writing because I am concerned about the take over of our food market by corporate business. I am from Wisconsin originally and know the negative impact this has had on the farmers.

Further, I have lived abroad and when I first went abroad was shocked at how much better tasting their food is than ours. Ours looks better, uniform, color, not bruised, but it tastes terrible. Everything tastes the same. If I close my eyes, I don't know if I'm eating a tomato, apple or pear. In Russia, Cambodia, Albania, Algeria etc. the food is really much better.

The other problem is the huge amounts of sugar and salt in our food. Friends who have come here are astonished at the sugar in everything and can find little to eat. I am astonished at the salt and can find little to eat. I grow my own, shop at farmers market and have to study labels seriously to avoid the fattening sugar and hypertensive salt. I can buy no processed food at all because it's all done so poorly.

I definitely want to know if my food is GMO and the labels don't tell me. I want to know if it's irradiated and the labels don't tell me. No wonder Americans are getting fatter and becoming more unhealthy day by day. You are what you eat.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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