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May I submit a comment for consideration? In terms of how our farms and farming products can reach into the global aspects in a responsible and viable way, may I suggest that policies such as Monsanto's seed policy be abolished. I don't know who in their right mind would give a corporation such leeway that they can determine which seeds are to be used by farmers here in the states as well as in third world developing nations. It is an outrage, really, and it is time to find a policy, such as voluntary organic farming, that will sustain farmers and their crops for many generations. There is a huge potential for growth, instead of what we've been seeing, if our farmers are assisted and educated about the processes of organic farming that, instead of depleting the earth of nutrients and adding more chemicals to our land, it purifies and sustains and strengthens all that is needed to grow abundant and healthy crops!

Please look very closely at taking away the power of the chemical corporations on our farmers, here at home as well as abroad. We need a serious change of policy and a determination to look at the big picture and what is best for our planet as well as for our economy. Being healthy in farming practices is one guaranteed way to create sustainable farming! As well, the farmlands need to be protected against over-development. The big picture is rather clear. The USDA needs to be protective of farmers, NOT of the corporations pushing their wares to them! Thank you.
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