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Thank you for giving us a chance to share our opinion towards this proposal for Waldheim Colony to expand its poultry operation.

One of my concerns is how big can these corporate farms get. Is it the idea of the Manitoba government to have one large corporate farm so they have less to deal with?

Second concern is the whole of the farm with the numbers of all that they have going on this farm (Poultry units, Pigs units, Cattle units, Bees units, shop manufacturing, grain and others operations possibly that I am not aware of. You do not state in your letter how many chickens equal one unit.

Third concern. Environment. What is the environmental impact if they want to be a large corporate company? What is the government doing to control or be aware of the impact that these and other large corporate farms are having on the environment?

Fourthly, where does the small farmer such as myself fit in? I grew up in this area and still live on the family homestead and in my lifetime I have seen the road I live on have many farms that supported many families to now have three farmers who have bought all the land and have become large or corporate farms. It is becoming more and more difficult for the small farmer like myself to support himself solely on what he can produce. Our limits are 100 hens and can only sell eggs from the gate. And mean while other farmers are asking for more and more and it is likely that they will be approved.

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