

type farm structure and the small businessmen of rural America and the spread and growth of corporation farming at this time is very alarming. Corporate farms bypass the local businessmen and buy their equipment, their fertilizer, their feed, and so forth, direct from the manufacturer. They do not need the local banker and do not become a part of the rural community in which their farm is located.

A corporate agriculture will mean higher priced food to the consuming public because the family-type labor will no longer be used in the production of food. Under a corporate setup, management and labor are employed which takes the personnel incentive out of agriculture.

The family-type farm in America is a great example of private ownership operating in a free enterprise society. Corporate agriculture, because of its massive financing, can strangle the family-type farm. Corporations, once they are formed and own the land, will not die but will only have an exchange of the ownership of stock.

There have been many examples in history—some of them very recent—in which it was necessary to have land reforms in order to restore government and business to the people. It would be foolish for this Nation to allow conglomerate companies to take over the land resources of this Nation.

In order to protect private ownership in a free enterprise society a thorough study and investigation of corporate agriculture should now be made. It is hard to determine the extent of the corporate agriculture plans. In order to protect private ownership in a free enterprise society the following steps should be taken:

1. The subpoena powers of government should be used to determine the true owners of the corporate farm operation.
2. The investigation should determine if these corporate farms are a part of a giant monopoly that is being built to control food at the processing, distribution, and production level.
3. It should be determined if the corporate farms are buying their products such as equipment, fertilizer, feed and gas needs at unfair low levels, thus violating or at least being part of a violation of the present antitrust laws.

Immediate steps should be taken to prevent unfair use by giant corporation structures in agriculture to build a monopoly that on one hand will strangle the family type farmers and rural businessmen, and on the other hand, control the processing, distribution, and production of food. The first step should be taken by making it illegal to deduct farm losses from any source of income other than farm income. This will prevent corporate structures from using tax deductions so they can produce farm products at cost of production or below until the family type farmers have been forced out of business.

Vertical integration is a type of corporate agriculture that has reduced farmers to being just laborers with very low wages for their work.

It is time to enact a law which keeps the retailer retailing, the processor processing, and the manufacturer manufacturing.

Most of the farmers and rural businessmen who are forced out of business move to the cities and add to the unemployment problem which leaves more people in the ghettos. With more corporate farms