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General Comment:Re: Docket ID AMS-FV-07-0090
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Dear USDA Agriculture Marketing Service,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment of the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for a Marketing Agreement for Leafy Greens. I am extremely concerned with the proposed rulemaking for many reasons!

First, I am a breast cancer survivor, caused by CHEMICALS. I want the agribusiness corporations to take responsibility and use more hygienic handling practices and more prudent shipping methods, even if it costs them a little more, rather than passing the burden on to you in the form of toxic, devitalized food devoid of most of its nutritional value. Enough is enough!

Federal regulations would discriminate against many farmers who employ organic farming practices and farmers who promote biodiversity on farms, as has been the experience with the California guidelines. The adoption of such rules on a national level would harm the environment, and more environmentally friendly guidelines must be developed if they are to be mandated nationally.

If federal guidelines were to be enacted, there should be an exemption based on scale. Small-scale farmers should not have to follow the same rules as large-scale operations that have been responsible for past widespread contamination. Moreover exemptions should exist for traditional farmers selling locally and for farmers with organic certification.

I oppose the above mentioned docket Id AMS-FV-07-0090. Please don't use a broad stroke or one size fits all.

Thank you,

Maureen Mortensen, a consumer