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General Comment: Dear USDA Agriculture Marketing Service,

I am writing in regard to Docket ID AMS-FV-07-0090 and to let you know I oppose any Marketing Order or Marketing Agreement that would impose federal standards for all growers of leafy greens.

I purchase leafy greens in various forms from Angel Valley Farm, a small, family owned, organic farm, located here in Leander, Texas. I believe that this is one of the best things I can do for my family. I strongly believe in eating locally. I know where my food comes from and the people who grow it.

Any additional regulations such as weekly lab tests or field sterilization, while easily realized by large corporate growers, would be especially costly for small, biodiverse farms such as the one where I shop weekly.

I know that your concern is safety. And while no fresh food production can be considered ?risk free?, please consider an exemption for these small traditional farms.

Thank you,
Tracy Lowery