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I am truly amazed that this is a topic don't get me wrong I understand the purpose of it. I have been farming my whole life to this day we get told the price of our product that goes to market, as we watch labor go up equipment go up fertilizer land etc. we planted 15 acres of blueberries in 1986 and received about .70 - .80 cents a pound average .60 for several years after today 2022 we budget on \$.50 Lb. today we pay \$ 18.00 hr. to people that cant tie a knot to even train berries with cost so high we prune every 3rd yr. to offset cost, they won't work in the rain anymore and the really cold days they stay home so now you're asking us to send them home because over time. We don't decide on the weather we go when we can. The moisture has to be just right to harvest most crops sometime we call people in to get on machine and the canneries shut us down on the first load. This is just another door that is going to open for corporate farming that is investing in farms to shelter monies from other investments. You will have more people making less because they won't get overtime and harvest is going to take more of a loss. Hope you understand we don't get to drive to an office open a door and everything is the same day after day at 70 degrees.

Thank you if you read it

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