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To whom it may concern:

Large scale industrial farming has no place in the Willamette Valley for so many reasons, including

- Waste issues (pollution of groundwater and streams)
- Health issues (we are currently worried about avian flu crossing to mammals; animals crowded together require antibiotics to live long enough to be “harvested” leading to antibiotic resistance problems, many more health-related issues)
- Climate change (greenhouse emissions) – small scale farms can help the environment, but large-scale farms generate emissions (from animals and waste) that hurt the environment.
- Puts small scale farmers out of business and replaces with low-wage jobs under often abusive situations.

By the way, I am a geoscientist and a consumer, not a farmer.