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In Oregon agriculture, there is a variety of sizes and types of animal agriculture from very small hobby to mega farms. While many people still have this idea that all of agriculture should be the Family Farm, the reality is that large corporations are as much of a fixture in agriculture, as they are in any other industry in this country. While I also believe in the notion of the "Family Farm", putting limitations on the size of the farm that can operate in the state is not the solution. Whether the CAFO is large, medium, or small, there are always potential hazards that need to be addressed. I would urge you to help all CAFOs with the development of a workable, comprehensive waste management plan instead of blanket moratorium. Working cooperatively is a better long-time solution than being adversarial. Let's work together to provide a platform to keep Oregon a great place to live and work. We can have a clean environment and plentiful food supply at the same time. Thank you for taking my viewpoint into consideration.