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i am responding to your request for comments from the public regarding the 2007 Farm Bill

1. an area where agriculture in general could be adversely impacted is the proposed rule change to allow phalaenopsis orchids to enter the US from Taiwan in media. agricultural inspection in general of any products entering the US is currently woefully inadequate. add the burden of additional plants in media then the chances are greatly enhanced of an undesirable and potentially harmful insect, fungus, bacteria etc entering the US and becoming a problem throughout the country. this proposed rule change is potentially damaging to the whole of US agriculture

2. another area that impacts agriculture in general is the poor way information is made available to the farming public regarding financial programs that are available. this includes loans, disaster relief, subsidies and any other program the USDA is directly or indirectly sponsoring. as a result many farmers are not aware of programs or simply do not have the resources to devote to the process of navigating thru all the procedures required to obtain assistance. this results in only a few receiving the benefit of programs designed to help the many

3. an area that impacts a small segment of the orchid industry is the overly zealous enforcement of CITES regulations. as a result many of our breeders and hybridizers do not have access to species that are readily available in the rest of the world. as a result they are not able to stay competitive. if they obtain them illegally they risk fines and jail sentences that do not happen elsewhere in other countries that have signed the treaty

i hope these brief comments will be of use. if you require further explanation please contact me

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