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I as a small farmer see the need to help small farms by stop pushing cash to the big business farms and remove the one spot shopping mind set. If there was a wakeup call it was 9/11, but we still put all of the meat processing and food staples in one or two areas. The need to have many small processing areas and food staple locations would make the threat of some thing bad happen go down as it would take many more people to disrupt 20 small locations then 1 or 2 major plants. We have seen the e-coli problem many times in the past year with many tons of meat recalled, and at this time there is a pet food problem that has killed many dogs do to a small mix up !! I know that the change would most likely require more USDA inspectors and that is a cost we could live with if we used the money we are now paying for farmers to not grow or set a side. We have a great need to make this country safer then it is and the job at USDA is more then just to help a small group of big business. Lets put the people of the USA first and for most by helping to spread the areas of a threat from one or two in a region to 50 plus. I do not have a processing plant at this time so I would not be making a windfall profit unless I built a processing plant. The USDA would be a great help if it did sponsor the rebuilding of processing plants and mill/elevators that have be disappearing the last 10 years. I know that there is no spot in the upstate of South Carolina that a small poultry farmer can take there product as this time. The mills have been closing up and the farmers (I feel at least) have almost no help from the USDA. I would be more then happy to talk to someone about this and many other issues( GMO sustainable organic, conventional, safety ,storage). I have put in my two cents and hope to see a few changes put in place for the next farm bill

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