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As I sit pondering our Fall newsletter, some very interesting things have come across my desk in the last month. I shall endeavor to communicate to you some of the interesting findings that I have made. As I continue on with this writing many of you might think that I am somewhat paranoid, however, big industry agriculture keeps on moving along and ultimately their goal is to totally control whatever small peons such as you and I do out here in the real world.

One of the first things that I came across that fascinated me very much is an article that I found on the Internet called "Health Lies Exposed". [09/26/06; S. William Engdeahl; Idaho Observer] We are all familiar with the terminator seed concept and genetically engineered and patented crop species that cannot produce viable seed for replanting. We know that back in the 1980's the U.S. government started financing research on genetic engineering technology which, when commercialized, would give the owners the power to control the food/seed of entire nations or regions. The U.S. government has been working quietly on this technology since 1983. A little known company that has been collaborating in this research with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Delta & Pine Land Company is about to become part of the world's largest

supplier of seeds for genetically modified organisms (GMO) patented by none other than the Monsanto Corporation of St Louis, Missouri. The advent of commercial GMO seeds in the early 1990's, allowed companies like Monsanto and DuPont, as well as Dow Chemical, to go from supplying agricultural chemical herbicides (like Roundup) to patenting genetically altered seeds for stable farm crops like corn, rice or soybeans. As I said earlier, since 1983 the U.S. government has quietly been working to genetically engineer crops that would produce one harvest with seeds that would not be viable for saving and future planting. Terminator plants are genetically engineered to produce sterile seed. By inserting a series of promoter and marker genes as well as gene switches, it is possible to switch on or off the sterility of crops at the molecular level by applying chemicals to the plant. Seeds can be harvested but not saved as a seed to replant. Now what is interesting about this to me is that no one has dared to think about what it is going to do in terms of how you, I and our animals digest, absorb, and assimilate food or what happens when we procreate the next generation with this type of nonsense present in our food. The Vice President of Delta & Pine Land, Harry Collins, gave a P.R. version for terminator cell gene back in 1998. He argued "The centuries old practice of farmer saved seed is really a gross

disadvantage to third world farmers who inadvertently become locked into obsolete varieties because of their taking the easy road and not planting newer, more productive varieties". If we think about it, if they were to get a patent for this seed, it is a time limited, legal monopoly granted by a government in exchange for social benefits. In the case of the terminator, the biological monopoly is not time-limited at all and is not necessarily approved by national governments. Now you have to understand a wee bit about Delta & Pine Land Company. It is a company that, despite the "Pine" in its name, has deep roots. It was founded in 1888 and its headquarters are at 1 Cotton Row in Scott, Mississippi. The people running Delta & Pine Land are not your typical Mississippi black-dirt cotton farmers. In 1983 Delta & Pine Land joined with USDA in a project to develop terminator seeds. It was one of the earliest experiments with GMO. In March of 1998 the patent office granted a patent titled "Control of plant gene expression". The patent is jointly owned, according to Delta & Pine Lands security and exchange commission filings, by Delta & Pine Land and the United States of America (as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture-USDA). The patent, believe this or not, has global coverage. This is a quote from the security filing; "The patent broadly covers all aspects of plant and seed,

both transgenic, (GMO-ED) and conventional for a system designed to allow control of progeny seed viability without harming the crop". Then almost like George Orwell's novel of 1984 entitled "Big Brother", Delta & Pine claims one application of the technology could be to control unauthorized planting of seed of proprietary varieties by making such a practice non-economic since non-authorized seed will not germinate and therefore be useless for planting. So translated into lay language that you and I can understand, Delta & Pine declares the purpose of its patent number "5,723,765 control plant gene expression" is to prevent farmers from seed saving.

As Delta & Pine Land puts it, their patent gives them the prospect of opening significant world-wide seed markets to the sale of transgenic technology and varietal crops in which crop seed is currently saved and used in subsequent seasons as a planting seed.

So, instead, the farmer or the country whose farmers depend on Monsanto patented GMO seeds must pay a license fee to Monsanto each year to get new seeds.

Maybe this sounds far fetched to some of you, but such control has happened previously. If you go back to what former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger did in Allende's Chile to force a regime change to a U.S. friendly Pinochet "dictatorship" by withholding U.S. aid and private food exports to Chile, Kissinger dubbed the tactic "food as a weapon".

It might be helpful if we know a little bit about who owns Delta & Pine. It is part of American politics. The largest shareholder is the Stevens Group of Little Rock, Arkansas. The man who is chairman of the board of Delta & Pine Land is John E.M. Gacoby. He came to Delta & Pine as a representative of the Stevens Group. He is also a director and vice-chairman of the Stevens Group LLC, the Arkansas based equity firm owned by the Stevens family. They pride themselves on being the nation's LARGEST investment bank outside Wall Street based, of all places, in little old Little Rock in "Hillbilly land" Arkansas, one of the poorest states in the United States. Stevens Incorporated is also one of the biggest

institutional shareholders in thirty large multinationals, including the Arkansas based firms of Tyson Foods (the world's largest industrial chicken factory operation) and the infamous Arkansas giant Wal-Mart. Their tentacles stretch into Asia; their tentacles stretch into Hong Kong. In the end we have to wonder, after the outbreak of Avian Flu (HSN1) virus scare why "Tyson Foods curiously emerged from the recent Avian Flu (HSN1) virus scare as a winner, using the lie that their factory farm mass-bred assembly-line chickens were more "sanitary" than free-roaming small farm chickens of Asia." (Health Lies Exposed)

All of the love affairs seem to start after Bill Clinton had his favorite secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy meet with the head of Tyson Foods; after this Tyson seemed to be in favor no matter where they went. (See

www.proliberty.com/observer/20060907.htm.)

The next things that I found interesting were two articles by our friend Ian Cummings in the "Ontario Farmer". In an article dated Sept 5/06 was a statement by Mr. Cummings "What hasn't changed over the centuries is that these herds put raw milk on the Royal family's and other consumers tables". Said Adrian Tomlinson, 17 year herdsman at Windsor Castle, "The Queen drinks raw milk from her Jersey herd and when Princes' William and Harry were being educated in nearby Eton, I would bottle up some milk from an Ayrshire herd everyday and run it over to them". A small ice-cream stand in the tourist section of the grounds at Windsor Castle advertised the product made from raw milk along with humane cattle handling and the line up was long.

So interesting; then several weeks later Mr. Cummings has another article, which says that Canada is the only jurisdiction in the world that cannot drink raw milk. My goodness, what exactly are we hiding! The miracles of dictatorship never seem to cease.

In this last issue [Sept 27/06] of the "Ontario Farmer", Bill Denby has written an article to the editor and I quote an excerpt "We as producers are nothing more than inmates in the jail" referring to the Dairy Farmers of

Ontario. "They tell you what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. If you question their authority they put you in the lock up. They use their penalty systems and powers as a means of gaining additional revenues so they can plan extra activities on our so-called behalf".

He goes on to say "It is interesting how the price of quota continues to rise. It is almost \$31,000 per kilo and will go higher (guaranteed). After all farmers think they set the price when indeed it is handled by DFO staff. No one is allowed to actually view the process but one has to remember that quota is owned by the province. It is their asset. Farmers just pay for the use of it. Do you really think that quota and the value is going to disappear? This a government program just like all the others".

One almost has to wonder if our whole society is based on commerce, and the continual flow of so-called money in our society to keep the ball rolling.

One really has to wonder if indeed there is something much more sinister than any of us have ever imagined could be going on.

The last thing that I want to talk about in this section of the newsletter is about a new book that has just crossed my desk. It is a book entitled "What's in your Milk?" It is an exposé of industry and government cover up on the dangers of genetically engineered RBGH milk. We may not be drinking this milk in Canada but we are certainly eating some of the byproducts of this milk imported from the American side of the border. This book is written by Samuel S. Epstein who is a medical doctor and a professor emeritus of Environmental and Occupational Medicine School of Public Health at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Dr. Epstein has for years been a continuous fighter on the side effects of certain herbicides and pesticides and of course RGBH or bovine growth hormone. The interesting thing is that in this book the forwards have been written by Ben Cowan who is the co-founder of Ben and Jerry's ice cream and by Jeffery Smith who is an international best selling author of "Seeds of Deception".

We know from this that what we are seeing is what I had talked about earlier regarding the power of the food

falling into the hands of just a few. This is a definite goal: if we can control food we can control people almost exclusively.

We remember many years ago Monsanto entered this high tech world by pronouncing that they had developed this product called BST that could make a cow give an extra 10-15 % more milk. In 1994 research into IGS1 or RBGH showed that it was not destroyed by pasteurization or digestion and it was readily absorbed across the intestinal wall. In a 1990 FDA publication disclosing toxicity tests conducted by Monsanto, feeding the hormone (trade name Posilac) to mature rats for only two weeks resulted in statistically significant increases in body and liver weights and bone length. These effects were seen at a small fraction of injected doses given to a control rats. But by changing this explicit data the FDA alleged that the IGF-1 “lacks oral toxicity”. Neither the FDA nor Monsanto have investigated the effects of long term feeding of IGF-1 and treated milk on growth or on more sensitive sub cellular effects in infant rats or infants of any other species. Maybe this goes back again to the whole idea of trade and commerce in our society and that when people are healthy we don’t make money. It is only when people are sick that we can sell drugs and medicines and vaccines and build more hospitals and continue this commerce spiral that we have become so accustomed to.

An example of what happens to people who are roadblocks to this train coming down the track is Dr. Richard Burroughs in October of 1989. The assurance of safety by the FDA’s centre for Veterinary Medicine was inconsistent with the position of Dr. Richard Burroughs-the center’s lead veterinary scientist. Burroughs had expressed grave concerns on the veterinary toxicology of RBGH and had recommended further evaluation and testing. Dr. Guest, Dr. Burroughs supervisor, responded in October of 1989 by firing Dr. Burroughs on the grounds that he was “slowing down his approval process”. Dr. Burroughs is also on record by charging that “FDA officials suppressed and manipulated data to cover up their own ignorance and incompetence”.

When Florence and I were over in Austria this past spring we were informed that Monsanto actually has a company in Austria producing part of their RBGH and from there it is exported to the United States and around the world. What is fascinating is that this facility in Austria looks like a Gestapo campground with chain link fencing, guards and cameras all over the place. Goodness gracious, with such a safe product why would they have to have such extra ordinary security measures? Shouldn’t the whole world be embracing it with open arms?

It is absolutely amazing with the final analysis that people think they can replace God or the creation principal of this universe with their own self centered intelligence. It will be most interesting to see in the next 20 years what kind of health challenges and what kind of problems we are going to find in the human and animal population as a result of this maddened conquest for money and profit.

UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE

As some of you are aware we accept **electronic payments** from the following financial institutions: Scotia Bank, Royal Bank, and Credit Union Central.

We have had requests to use **TD Canada Trust** as well, however, we would require a minimum of 12 transactions per month to do this. If you are a customer of TD Canada Trust and are interested in this payment option, please contact Grace at head office to confirm your interest.

You will possibly have noticed some new lines on your invoice, some of which have to do with the PST exemption for farm use. If you have an OFA, NFU or CFFO member number, this is your PST exemption # as well. We have created a line spot for this to print on the invoice so that everyone in the office knows you are exempt, **but, we need you to provide us with that number to add into your customer profile. It appears on the invoice right below the customer ID and above the invoice number.

Coming Events:

January Seminar – Theme “Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)”

One day only – January 24th, 2007
Perth East Recreation Complex – Milverton

Guest Speaker: Wendy Mesley from CBC’s Marketplace

Come and Celebrate our 25th Anniversary

Recycle your used bale wrap

Over 3 million pounds per year of plastic is used to wrap forage. Think Plastics Inc. is a company from New Hamburg that is collecting used white bale wrap and producing a plastic lumber product. Collection is taking place at landfill sites across Ontario and the list is growing. Ask your local landfill site or go to www.thinkplastics.ca to find a list of participating collection sites.

Benefits of the Think Plastics

Recycling program:

- Eliminates the environmental hazard of burning and burying bale wrap.
- There are no topping fees at landfill sites signed up with Think Plastics.
- Baleboard, A solid 100% polyethylene plastic lumber is produced that does not leach or rot, that floats and that horses and pigs will not chew. No special fasteners are required and ceramic insulators are not needed for electric fencing.

Cleaning:

- Bale wrap accepted-white 100% linear low-density polyethylene film.
- The material needs to be cut into small sections weighing 3-5 lbs.
- Shake the material to eliminate rocks and stones.
- The material does not need to be washed, but please ensure that there is a minimal amount of dirt on the bale wrap.
- Do not tie the material with twine or put it into bags.

Collection:

- White bale wrap or white greenhouse covering material can be dropped off at participating landfill sites free of charge.

Bruce County

Brockton, Brant Landfill
Kincardine, Kincardine Landfill
Lion’s Head, Eastnor Landfill
Mildmay, Mildmay Landfill
Teeswater, Teeswater Landfill

Durham Region

Cannington, Brock Waste Management Facility
Oshawa, Oshawa Waster Management Facility
Port Perry, Port Perry Transfer Station

Grey County

Allan Park, Bentinck Landfill
Dundalk, Dundalk Landfill
Hepworth, Keppel Landfill
Markdale, Markdale Holland Landfill
Maxwell, Osprey Landfill
Meaford, Meaford Public Works
Neustadt, Normanby Landfill
Thornbury, Blue Mountains Landfill
Varney, Egermont Transfer Station
Williamsford, Sullivan Landfill

Huron County

Brussels, Morris Ward Landfill
Gorrie, Howick Landfill
Walton, Walton Landfill

Oxford County


Ingersoll, Oxford County Landfill

Perth County

Bornholm, Logan Landfill
Brunner, Ellice Landfill
Newry, Elma Ward Landfill
Palmerston, Wallace Ward Landfill
Rannoch, Blanshard Ward Landfill
Tavistock, South Easthope Landfill

Region of Waterloo

Crosshill, Crosshill Transfer Station



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