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My name is Wayne Vorwald and I have been in the business of producing livestock, i.e. cattle and hogs since 1975.

I'm writing in response to the Country of Origin law called "COOL." My thoughts regarding this are as follows:

1) I believe the law should be <u>voluntary</u>. Let economics dictate whether people should participate in the current Ag program.

2) Keep it simple! During my time in farming, I have seen the program go from a postcard sized form to forms over 9' long.

3) I have seen a copy of this program, but it sounds like a lot of overkill! For example, not all forms of livestock are included — meaning poultry!

4) Hopefully this would be a benefit for farmers. I know of some guys who raise products for the organic market. They don't seem to have a problem identifying this material.

5) I have seen the county ag office go from 3 people in 1975 to 9 in 2003, (too complicated and too much overhead). The office people all make more money than the average farmer.

In conclusion, think about yourself as you stop for meat at the supermarket and looking at meat labeled "Country of Origin — Unknown" or grown in the U.S.A. Which would you buy?

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