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I watch RFD-TV on my local telephone coop's excellent broadband/telephone/TV fiber optic service, Richland-Grant Telephone Cooperative. I raise natural cattle sold direct to my beef customers.

I believe RFD-TV is an important source of information to both rural and urban viewers. As a child in Newark, New Jersey in the 1950's my family lived in apartment buildings. I had no contact with farming or rural areas at all. I watched "Modern Farmer" religiously Saturday mornings on TV as a child and it was an important eye opener to a different way of life.

Seeing that led me to gardening and eventually farming and cattle raising in Wisconsin. I think it is important to our country to keep rural programming such as RFD-TV available to a wide range of viewers. You never know what child or even older person will see something on RFD-TV which will spark them to a future they might not otherwise have been aware of.

RFD-TV also provides a wide variety of programming from a wide range of agricultural viewpoints, from conventional chemical ag to organics. I believe it is important to see a wide range of opinions.

The nationwide, agriculturally oriented weather forecasts on RFD-TV are quite different than other channels and very valuable.

Please help keep RFD-TV on the air and available to everyone, urban and rural.

Thank you,

Jim Bassett