

We watch RFDTV on DirectTV

First I would like to say that I am usually opposed to Federal Government interference in business. However, in this case it appears that, like it or not, there may need to be some control. Television programming is being controlled by only a few company's. And some only want to provide programming for select areas. We live in a rural area. We do not have cable available, but even if we did, the programs we like would not be available. At lease not on the closest cable system in the near area. We have DirectTV. Tahey have several rural programs in their packages. But, in order to get them, we have to subscribe to the most expensive package. Same with Dish Network. Years ago, when we were using the big dish, we could get programming a-la-cart. We only paid for what we wanted. Now we are paying for 327 stations that we have absolutely no interest in and will never tune in order to receive the ones we like to watch. So we pay \$1450.00 per year to get thousands of re-runs and a few channels we like.

Channels I like RFDTV.

They have programs on farm markets. these are just as important to rural folks as the financial programs are for the investment people. There ar programs for caring and training animals. Beef cattle auctions. Programs about farm machinery, farm machinery auctions, old railroad history, and horse shows. Rodeo's like Little Britches rodeo, which is farm kids competing in kids rodeo evets. Adult rodeo's. There are many "original country music" shows for those of us that enjoy the old style country music, Gospel, and blue grass music. Polka show for those that enjoy polkas. Their political town hall's were far more informative than the so called debates. The candi dates were allowed to explain their view without interruptions and name calling.

Granted, not everyone is interested in this type of programming any more than we care about the 327 we must pay for that we don't watch. The ideal would be a package where you could chose 20 or 30 channels that you would be interested in. Or the ability to add channels a-la-cart for a reasonable cost.

If you look at a map or look out the window when flying, you can see that the majority of our country is rural farming. If it's OK to feed the world, it should be OK to get some programming that means something to yourself.

Thank you,

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