

I strongly object to the proposed cancellation of RFDTV by the major cable and satellite TV carriers.

The agricultural industry in the US is a major contributor to the US economy and helps feed not only the US, but the majority of the rest of the world. Per the USDA, each \$1 billion of agricultural exports supported 6800 American jobs in 2011. A valuable part of the efficiency of American agriculture is access to information. A major source of this information is RFDTV.

? 21 million American jobs have their root in the U.S. food and fiber industry?more than five times as many workers as the U.S. automotive manufacturing, sales and service sectors combined. Source: American Farm Bureau Federation, Dept. of Labor

? U.S. farms and ranches spent \$288 billion to produce \$369 billion in goods in 2010?U.S. ag-related sales alone were larger than the GDPs of 200 other countries. Source: USDA, World Bank

It is my understanding that Al Jazeera will be offered to subscribers as well as the BBC. I do not object to these offerings, however, the rural residents should be allowed to have the one TV channel which is dedicated to rural America. Al Jazeera is a Middle Eastern, Islamic TV station. It will serve only 0.56% of the US population. The BBC is a British TV station. It serves only 0.13% of the US population. RFDTV is an American station aimed at the 16% of the US population which resides in rural America. There are 285 times as many rural residents as there are Middle Eastern natives. I believe these figures speak for themselves. These are US Census figures.

This appears to be a biased proposal. You might remember the old proverb which says: "Don't bite the hand that feeds you." We all eat! Therefore, all of us are dependent upon American agriculture.