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the same operation that they have now, because they're going to have to spend a lot of money. And again, we're just forcing more small people out of the business. What's interesting to me, I come here to the Legislature and hear this and it's a completely different story than what I hear when I'm out in the country. You know, there's not a soul in here from Omaha or Lincoln or anybody...place that cares more about clean water, clean air than we do out there that have our livestock operations. Our families are many times the second, third, and fourth generations, and we plan on having the next generations there, too, and the last thing we want to do is have polluted water. And we care about this, and we've been hearing more and more all the time of how important our livestock industry is. We just went to a briefing the day before yesterday, in the morning, of the ethanol industry and what great growth potential we have here because we have the livestock, we have the corn. Illinois does not have the livestock; they have the corn. Texas Panhandle has lots of livestock, but they don't have the corn. They have to transport it down there. And we have got a lot of research, the university people, that are researching on using methane from feedlots to generate more energy and to run the ethanol plants, and it's just a picture that fits together for great growth in our smaller communities in the state of Nebraska. We need to do everything we can. Every one of them says that the livestock is going to be a limiting factor in producing more energy from ethanol. We need to have a livestock industry. And it's people that care and want to do something. We've got some that are...I don't know what their agenda is and I don't understand it. But we've got people that want to...want to operate a good operation that keeps our water clean. And again, this is the only people that can do this, is ones trying to keep up with the rule changes that have come down. And believe me, and we've been saying for years and it's starting to come to light now, that we are hurting our small operations--1,000 to 2,000. I even heard the Sierra Club said 2,000, they mentioned, is small, and I never thought I'd ever hear them say that here. And they visited, one of the gals from the Sierra Club, visited one of the lots in my area and she said she was amazed what was happening; said we never intended on this to happen.