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Subject: JPT/T&G Fresh

Good morning,

As a medium sized vegetable grower, I have been following the discussion regarding the takeover by J&P Turner's of T&G with interest.

I would like to provide a bit of background.
As growers we have seen our returns being stagnant for quite a few years now, like 6 years as also published in the last magazine of NZ Grower.
Due to the high increases in our input costs of seeds, fertilizers, regulation and labour this is making the growing of fresh vegetables uneconomic.

At this point in time there is little of no competition between the 3 markets J&P Turner's, T&G and MG.
The commissions charged are all very similar and vary between 12 and 18% and no market pressure is applied to increase the returns for growers in line with input costs and inflation.
My understanding is that the main purpose for the takeover would be to improve the margins for the wholesalers.
Improving returns to suppliers doesn't seem to play a role in the discussion.

Bringing back the number of markets to only 2 would further decrease this competition between markets and erode the returns to growers in the local market.
As such I would appreciate if this takeover would not be allowed to go forward.