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offering paths forward for a more distributed and democratic agrifood
system that achieves agricultural, rural, and environmental justice"--