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Commodity futures and options are a vital part of modern agricultural business management and their successful use is to no small degree dependent on solid data, one very key element of which is COT. This applies on both the sales (grain, livestock, etc) and the input (metals, energy) ends of the equation.

COT is one of the most important reports available for *free market* commodity (and futures) trading.

Traders provide the liquidity that allows those of us willing and able to take or make delivery to reduce price volatility in our industry. That stabilizes my family's income. Don't y'all understand that?

I can see absolutely no good to come from ceasing publication of COT numbers ... unless (of course) you happen to define undermining the free market as "good."

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