

AGEC 410: Agricultural Policy

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Objective: to develop the skill to critically analyze and evaluate agricultural policy
to understand the origin of current agricultural policy issues

Grading: 3 in class tests, test 1 is 50 points, tests 2 and 3 are 100 points each
1 homework using the analytical frameworks worth 75 points
2 staff analysis papers worth 100 points each
Class participation, 25 points

Scale: 90 % A
80 % B
70 % C
60 % D

Class Policies: No late work, policy analysis that arrives late is useless.
Attendance

Text (Optional): *Agricultural and Food Policy* by Knutson, Penn, and Flinchbaugh. Prentice-Hall

Topics:

- Policy Setting
- Policy Problems of Food and Agriculture
- Policy Process
- Particular Interest Groups (PIGs)
- Role of Trade
- Macroeconomics and Agriculture
- The Farm Problem
- Historic Farm Programs
- The Structure of Agriculture
- Resource Policy
- Food Price Policy
- Nutrition, Food Safety, and Quality
- Rural Development