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