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 Astaff 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