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**FIRST ASSIGNMENT**

**CLASS 1 (July 9): The Farm Bill: What It Is, What It Isn't, and Its Impact on Our Nation's Environment and Public Health**

Chapter 1 of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW – A Brief History of U.S. Agricultural Policy and the Farm Bill

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Farm Bill Law Enterprise, *Farm Bill Process in a Nutshell*, available at <http://www.farmbilllaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Farm-Bill-Process.pdf>

Various Authors, *How A National Food Policy Could Save Millions of American Lives*, available at [http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/how-a-national-food-policy-couldsave-millions-of-american-lives/2014/11/07/89c55e16-637f-11e4-836c-83bc4f26eb67\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/how-a-national-food-policy-couldsave-millions-of-american-lives/2014/11/07/89c55e16-637f-11e4-836c-83bc4f26eb67_story.html)

Marion Nestle, *The Farm Bill Drove Me Insane*, available at <http://www.politico.com/agenda/story/2016/03/farm-bill-congress-usda-food-policy-000070>

**OPTIONAL** – Chapter 2 of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW – An Overview of the Modern Farm Bill

**OPTIONAL** – Farm Bill Law Enterprise, *Background Library* available at <http://www.farmbilllaw.org/background-library/>

**OPTIONAL** – Congressional Research Service, *The 2014 Farm Bill: Summary and Side-by-Side* (only read pages 1-19), available at <http://nationalaglawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/R43076.pdf>

**OPTIONAL** – Scott Marlow (RAFI-USA), *The Farm Bill Tree: Understanding the Logic of the Farm Bill*, available at <http://rafiusa.org/blog/the-farm-bill-tree-understanding-the-logic-of-the-farm-bill/>

**OPTIONAL** – Jack Hedin, *My Forbidden Fruits*, available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/01/opinion/01hedin.html>

**OPTIONAL** – National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC), *Grassroots Guide to the Farm Bill*, available at <http://sustainableagriculture.net/publications/grassrootsguide/>

**OPTIONAL** – Fleischhacker & Gittelsohn, *Carrots or Candy in Corner Stores?: Federal Facilitators and Barriers to Stocking Healthier Options*, available on Lexis or Westlaw at 7 IND. HEALTH L. REV. 23, or at <https://journals.iupui.edu/index.php/ihlr/article/viewFile/16561/16703>

**OPTIONAL** – Union of Concerned Scientists, *The \$11 Trillion Reward*, available at [http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/food\\_and\\_agriculture/11-trillion-reward.pdf](http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/food_and_agriculture/11-trillion-reward.pdf)