

**AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
FIRST SESSION READING ASSIGNMENT**

**AUGUST 30 – OVERVIEW OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE, ORIGINS OF AGRICULTURAL
POLICY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

American Agricultural History and Economy:

- USDA, A Condensed History of American Agriculture 1776-1999 (infographic), available at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/history-american-agriculture.pdf>
- CAROLYN DIMITRI ET AL., USDA, ECONOMIC RES. SERV., THE 20TH CENTURY TRANSFORMATION OF U.S. AGRICULTURE AND FARM POLICY (2005), https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/44197/13566_eib3_1_.pdf

American Agri-Environmental Policy:

- J.B. Ruhl, *Agriculture and the Environment: Three Myths, Three Themes and Three Directions*, 25 ENVIRONS 101 (2002).