Ag. Ec., Course Planning

Topics + Dates, Misc.

Jan. 22, Mon. Land + Tenure

Disposal

Desert Land Act idea.

Homestead act. Disposal. Political effects -- counties, distrs.

National Heritage idea -- residual, retained public rights.

Jan. 24 Wed.

Regional pattern of tenancy

Trends

Leasing systems

Absentee ownership

Foreign

Urban

Corp.

Recreation, gentleman - hobby, fringe speculative, tax-shelter.

Jan. 26 Fri. Land & People in Cal. -- Fellmeth

Feb. 16 Fri. Nutrition
Quality of food
Diet (pick this up again re Mktg., manipulating, or "jerking around" consumers.)

Jan. 12 F. Residual imputation
Overuse, underuse, opt. use.
Prodn. ecs. Rent mix.
(E. of prodn.)

Jan. 15 Smoothing irregular flows
Rent vs. DCF

Jan. 17 (E of prodn. + scale)
Risk + scale. Kinds of risk.
Scale + innovation.
Adm. 203 notes on scale.
Energy + scale.

Jan. 31 — The "Farmer" identity.
Myths v. current reality.
Shuttling labor
Part-timers
Absentee owners.
Retirees.
Reverse migration, revival of small cities, towns.

Feb. 1 — Infrastr. as a farm program. Expansive.
Rate structures, price discrim.
l.r. + subsidies
Fed. v. local

Jan. 22 — Land distr. as a farm program.

Feb. 23 — Producer Coops + Mktg.
(Mktg. orders)

Mar. 9 — Soil Consn.

Feb. 5 — Energy + fmg.

Jan. 19

Hierarchy of land uses.

Inside firms.

Fm. vs. other.

l. g., + mgnl. land.

Capacity + Efficiency of land

Feb. 28

Fm. prices fall -- so agr. not a limit on growth.

Low fm. income + demand do not limit urban growth, either.

Jan. 19 Land use variations w/in broad regions.

Soil maps.

Micro-locations.

Extensive margin, intensive mgn., and various intermediate margins.

Location + soil as sources of land value.

The fascination of 'study out the land'.

Where we find large, small, absentee etc. farms.

Soil maps from Mo.

Kinds of farm products, input mixes characterizing each.

~~Feb. 26~~

Feb. 7 Underuse of intensive margin.

Feb. 9 Ag. zoning

- to contain ag. u. Wis., cutovers.
- to contain cities, B.C.
- to avoid taxes, Fla.

Wmson. Act.

Jan. 31

Careers in Ag. Ec., nations largest indy.
Lower farm pop, but higher demand for skilled.
U.S.D.A.
Coll colleges
Farm banks, etc.
Farm mgmt.
Chem.
Tax shelters. Cowboy Arith.
Water supply
Law
Etc.!
Mktg., packing, shipping
Food technology

Feb. 16

Nutrition. Diet. Quality. Cons. ed.,
consciousness-raising.
Organic farm. Appr. Tech.
Woody Wilson?
Meat fetishism.
Overeating, gluttony.
Junk food.

Mar. 7 — World hunger
Geog. of hunger.

Feb. 26 — New products...
Responding to demands
Methane; jojoba; biomass; cellulose; crownvetch.

Leading demands
Kiwi, Macadamia,

Responding to input scarcities
Salt tolerant crops
Drip irrn., avocado explosion.

Mar. 9 — Does mkt. work?
Are mkt. orders needed?

Mar 14 — Need to keep adaptability
" " " role as entry + way into prop. + bus.
Thus, stop Δ l.v.; reduce cap needs, Δ labor needs.

Feb. 23 — Farm comms.
They are part of mktg system, inter alia.

~~Feb~~ Jan. 15 — Det. what to produce
and how.

Jan. 31 — More outgroup labor. Alienation. Class society.
Factories in Field. Mc Wms. could speak!
Mgrs. replace croppers.

States re min. wage
soc. sec.
Wagner Act

Growth of unions. Teamsters + UFW
State labor service
Housing
Bracero program

Land use changes due to hi wages, harvest strikes.

Feb. 2

Growing cap.-intensity, requires more cap.

Subbing fertilizer for labor does not Δ cap. int.; you have to sub. durable cap. for labor.
Recover fert. as fast as payroll.

Growing land-intensity? Probly the Δ of off-farm + other inputs (e.g. on-farm K) is not enough to balance loss of labor, so land's share of receipts is rising. E.g. rental shares.

Kinds + variety of fm. K ... not just machines.

Decline in K in farm hldgs.

What is Efficiency

Feb. 14

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Isao F-moto; Ramp: W. Wilson;
Ag. Exp. Sta. biases.
Overseas Members, re AID
USSR " .