Agriculture Policy

Agricultural policy describes a set of laws relating to domestic [agriculture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agriculture) and imports of foreign agricultural products.

Agriculture Policy Concerns

 marketing challenges and consumer tastes

 international trading environment (world market conditions, barriers to trade, quarantine and technical barriers, maintenance of global competitiveness and market image, and management of biosecurity issues affecting imports and the disease status of exports)

 biosecurity (pests and diseases such as [bovine spongiform encephalopathy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bovine_spongiform_encephalopathy) (BSE), [avian influenza](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avian_influenza), [foot and mouth disease](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foot_and_mouth_disease), [citrus canker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citrus_canker), and [sugarcane smut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sugarcane_smut))

 infrastructure (such as transport, ports, telecommunications, energy and irrigation facilities)

 management skills and labor supply

 coordination (a more consistent national strategic agenda for agricultural research and development)

 technology (research, adoption, productivity, genetically modified (GM) crops, investments)

 water (access rights, water trade, providing water for environmental outcomes, assignment of risk in response to reallocation of water from consumptive to environmental use, accounting for the sourcing and allocation of water)

 resource access issues (management of native vegetation, the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, sustainability of productive agricultural resources, landholder responsibilities

Your job is to become familiar with former agriculture policy changes. You will need to come up with an important individual and event that changed/impacted current agriculture policy relating to each of the bullets above.

Also you are to determine the process of the policy implementation based on the elected officials that deal with these situations. Who are those people and how do they get their information to their constituents.

Your job is to create a timeline presentation on your events found and provide some historical background information for each event.